

Citizens in God's Kingdom Live at a Higher Level
Matthew 5:17-20

Main point: Jesus did not come to _____ the Law but to _____ it so that those who place their faith in Him might be made _____ and begin to live _____

I. Before Jesus begins _____ on various aspects of the Law he first wants to _____ clarify that he did not come to do away with the Old Testament

Matthew 5:17

-Do not view the Old Testament as “_____”
Scripture or not important for the people of God today

II. Jesus did not come to _____ (do away with) the Old Testament but to _____ it

What does Jesus mean by “fulfill?”

1. All of the Old Testament was in some way or another _____ to Jesus-Fulfilled

2. The Old Testament Law was legally _____ on God's people and Jesus is the only person ever to perfectly fulfill all 613 laws that were contained under the Old Covenant-Fulfilled

3. By being God in flesh and teaching His disciples on the Law of God he was teaching the true _____ of the Law-Fulfilled

-The One who _____ the Law is now _____ and teaching the Law

III. The Law will _____ until Jesus comes back and _____ as we know it ends

Matthew 5:18

-It remains in that it tears us down of any self _____ and points us to our absolute need for _____ which is found in the gospel

-It remains as a _____ to help in civil life by restraining sin

-It remains as a guide to show what _____ looks like for God's people

IV. _____ (anti-Law-ism) and the rejection of the Old Testament Law has no place in Christianity

Matthew 5:19

-The _____ is good so don't take it lightly

V. The righteousness that God requires differs in _____ and _____¹ from the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees

Matthew 5:20

Difference in Kind: Grace _____ righteousness vs. self _____ righteousness (which is impossible given our fallen state)

Difference in Quality: Internal _____ that leads to obedience vs. _____ external obedience only

VI. _____ (Definitive) sanctification (being pronounced holy by God through faith in Jesus) always leads to _____ sanctification (growing and changing in this life by repenting of sin and becoming more like Christ)

God's people (those that have been made righteous) will live _____ by growing in their obedience to God out of a _____ for Him-this is the promise of the New Covenant

¹ Michael J. Wilkins, *Matthew: From Biblical Text-- to Contemporary Life*, The Niv Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, ©2004), 231.