



Jesus, the Law and you

Part 6, Matthew 5:17-20

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Matthew 5:17-20, Mark 1:22

1. Integrity is not a matter of opinion.

Matthew 5:17



Jesus fulfilled:

- 1—The ethical requirements of the Law
- 2—The sacrificial code of the old priestly order
- 3—The prophetic work of the Old Testament
- 4—The prophetic word of the prophets

60 major prophecies

270 ramifications

1 person

5—The legal requirements to be King

Objective truth says something about the object.
Subjective truth says something about me.

2. Integrity requires a standard.

Matthew 5:18



God's Word is:

1—True

2—All true

3—All always true

3. When it comes to integrity, we're tied with the Pharisees for last place.

Matthew 5:19

The Pharisees were deeply committed to the wrong standard.

4. Salvation is based on an integrity that is qualified, not quantified.

Matthew 5:20



CONNECTION

1. How do you usually respond to rules? Do you tend to be a rule-follower or a rule-breaker?

WEEKEND REVIEW

2. As you look at the four statements about integrity, which one challenged you the most? Which one gave you the most hope?

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

Read Matthew 5:17-20

3. Place yourself in the crowd on the day Jesus delivered the sermon. What did the phrase “the Law” or “the Law and the Prophets” mean to them?
4. We love to compare the level of our righteousness with others. Jesus alluded to this in verse 20. List some specific areas of your life where you like to compare yourself to others. What realities are you avoiding when you do?
5. Read Galatians 3:19-26. Why did Paul say the law existed? How do you feel about yourself when you look at the standard set by the Law? How would God want you to feel?
6. Now that Christ has come to fulfill the Law, what role should it play in our lives?
7. Read Deuteronomy 5:1-33. In what ways was God gracious in giving His Law to Israel? How does that privilege compare to the way God has revealed Himself to other peoples and nations?
8. What does Deuteronomy 5:6 reveal about the nature of God? How does this verse help us understand the relationship God already had with His people, to whom He was giving His Law?

OIKOCENTRIC LIVING

9. How do you balance living in obedience to God’s laws while enjoying the grace He offers?
10. Why does Jesus’ fulfillment of the Law give us cause to rejoice? How does that change the way you interact with the Pre-Christian and Prodigal names on your oikos card?