

# Jesus and the Law - A Total Renovation of the Heart

Matthew 5:17-20

## 1. Jesus did not come to \_\_\_\_\_ the Law or the Prophets.

Matthew 5:17-20 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;

- **Matthew 9:12-13** On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
- **Matthew 5:21-22** "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment..."
- **Matthew 7:28-29** When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

## 2. Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ the law and prophets.

..I have not come to **abolish** them but to **fulfill** them. 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

- **Exodus 19:4-8** 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." 7 So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. 8 The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said."
- **Jeremiah 31:31-34** "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

## Jesus fulfilled the law in several ways:

- **1) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the whole Mosaic law without breaking it. Jesus never sinned!**
- **2) Jesus taught and demonstrated the heart of the law, the true \_\_\_\_\_, and what God actually intended for the law.**
- **3) Jesus fulfilled the law on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Romans 8:3 (NLT)** The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.
- **Galatians 4:4-5 (NLT)** But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. 5 God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

## Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be contacted by a pastor.

I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Change my contact info

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  1<sup>st</sup> time guest  2<sup>nd</sup> time guest  Regular Attendee  Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)

20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Jesus provides us with at least 3 things through the new covenant:**

- **His** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **His** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **His** \_\_\_\_\_.

Prayer Requests/Praise Items: \_\_ Put this on the prayer chain.