

Matthew: *The Gospel of the Kingdom*

Matthew 5:17-20 *The Bible and the Citizens of the Kingdom - 1*

Introduction

- (1) **Christ Fulfills the Old Testament** (17)
- (2) **Christ Perpetuates the Law**(18) ... and then finally...the main idea...
- (3) **Christ Prescribes the Moral Law** (19-20)

Christ Fulfills the Old Testament

❖ **Matthew 5:17**

1. What is prompting Jesus?
2. What is Jesus referring to when he says, "The Law and the Prophets?"
3. What does Jesus mean by ABOLISH and FULFILL?

Christ Perpetuates the Law

❖ **Matthew 5:18**

1. How emphatically does Jesus deny that he is abolishing the Law?
2. What about the commands that HAVE been done away with?
3. How are we supposed to know what is permanent and what is temporary?
 - (1) The Moral Law
 - (2) The Civil Law
 - (3) The Ceremonial Law
4. If Christ fulfilled the Moral Law for us (which he did), **WHY** does he declare it perpetuity?

Christ Prescribes the Moral Law

❖ **Matthew 5:19-20**

1. **Citizenship in the Kingdom is not based on our obedience to the Moral Law**

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2. Status in the Kingdom is based on our obedience to the Moral Law
3. Kingdom citizens must be more righteous than the Pharisees

Closing Applications

1. Don't Ignore the Old Testament, love it!

† 2 Timothy 3:14-17--*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with **the sacred writings**, which are **able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus**. All Scripture is breathed out by God and **profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.***

2. Don't Ignore the 10 Commandments, obey them!

3. "Beware of supposing that the Gospel has lowered the standard of personal holiness¹"

† 1 Peter 1:14-16--*As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy.*

¹ J.C. Ryle, Expository Thoughts on the Gospel of Matthew, Kindle Edition