

Series: Hardcore Kingdom Living

Message: The Hardcore Christian and The Law

Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20

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Matt. 5:16-20

16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the 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. 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.

The players in the story

How did Jesus fulfill the Law?

1. In His Teaching
2. In His Life
3. In His Death
4. In Us, His Followers

What about you and me?

How Does Jesus Fulfill the Law in Us?

1. Imputation
2. Transformation

Why is the law good?

How is it useful?

1. Restrains evil.
2. Shows us our need for Christ
3. Shows us how to love God and our neighbor;
how to be truly human.

WEAR MY ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS with ease. I custom-made it for you, to cover you from head to toe. The price I paid for this covering was astronomical-My own blood. You could never purchase such a royal garment, no matter how hard you worked. Sometimes you forget that My righteousness is a gift, and you feel ill at ease in your regal robe. I weep when I see you squirming under the velvety fabric, as if it were made of scratchy sackcloth.

I want you to trust Me enough to realize your privileged position in My kingdom. Relax in the luxuriant folds of your magnificent robe. Keep your eyes on Me, as you practice walking in this garment of righteousness. When your behavior is unfitting for one in My kingdom, do not try to throw off your royal robe. Instead, throw off the unrighteous behavior. Then you will be able to feel at ease in the glorious garment, enjoying the gift I fashioned for you before the foundation of the world.

Jesus Calling, by Sarah Young