

***Sermon on the Mount***  
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***Christ Fulfills the Law – Matthew 5:17-20***

*17 “Don’t think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter<sup>[a]</sup> or one stroke of a letter will pass away from the law until all things are accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever does and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.*

**“The LAW and the PROPHETS” = The Old Testament, Jesus’ Bible**

- Lk. 16:16; Rom. 3:21; Acts 13:15; Mt. 7:12, 22:40
- Many Christians view the Old Testament as irrelevant or of little importance
- Jesus – Luke 24:25 *“How foolish you are, and how slow you are to believe all that the prophets have spoken!”*

***17 “Don’t think that I came to abolish the Law***

- The LAW is good. 1 Tim. 1:8-11
- The LAW defines SIN Rom. 2:12-13
- We uphold the LAW. Rom. 3:31

***17 “Don’t think that I came to abolish the Prophets***

- Jesus said to honor prophets – Mt. 10:40-42
- Jesus uses the OT Prophets to teach about Himself – Luke 24:25-27
- Luke references quotations from the prophets throughout Acts
- Prophecy is a New Testament gift of the Holy Spirit – Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:10
- The Prophets are an essential foundation of the New Testament Church – Eph. 2:20-22

***I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.***

- Prophets foretold – Heb. 1:1-3
- Is the LAW SIN? – Rom. 7:7-13
- Jesus was the fulfillment of the LAW and the PROPHETS – Luke 4:16-21
- Everyone is invited – Luke 16:16
- Christ is the end of the LAW – Rom. 10:3-4
- The LAW teaches us to rely on GRACE – Rom. 5:20
- The LAW falsely used against Christ – John 19:7
- Messiah must suffer – Acts 3:18
- Love fulfills the LAW – Rom. 13:10; Gal. 5:14
- The LAW reveals righteousness – Rom. 3:21
- The was our guardian – Gal:3:24

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- ‘Jot’ and ‘Tittle’
- The knowledge of sin comes from the LAW – Rom. 3:20
- Bloodshed is required – Heb. 9:22
- The LAW endures – Luke 16:16-17
- The greatest commands – Mt. 22:35-40

***19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven.***

- Keeping the whole LAW – James 2:8-13
- You don’t keep the LAW – Jn. 7:19; Acts 7:53
- Boasting in the LAW – Rom. 2:23
- Does grace release us from LAW? – Rom. 6:15

***But whoever does and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.***

- Be all things to all people – 1 Cor. 9:19-23
- Share a Prophet's reward – Mt. 5:11-12
- Our inheritance – Col. 3:24; Luke 6:23; Mt. 16:27; Rev. 11:18

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- Delight in the Law – Rom. 7:22
- Grace and truth came through Christ – John 1:17
- Released from the LAW – Gal. 3:21; Rom. 7:6; Gal. 5:18
- Righteous requirement of the LAW fulfilled in Christ – Rom. 8:1-5
- Conclusion: Justified by Faith – Gal. 2:16