

JESUS FULFILLS THE ENTIRE LAW FOR US

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Introduction

Story about my bicycle racing from novice to Cat 4, once into cat 3, I couldn't compete, got lapped. Nothing I could do → quit with no hope.

Next section is based on V. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

READ Matthew 5:21-26

What we find next is 6 illustration to show his point about the law in relation to the Christian.
(Anger, lust, divorce, oaths, retaliation, love your enemy)

“You have heard it said...”

- Children of Israel during the Babylonian captivity ceased to know the Hebrew language.
- Dependant upon the Pharisees and scribes to tell them what it meant.
- The altered the law to achieve their purposes

“But I say to you...”

- Jesus' authority is being established
- He's not contradicting the law of Moses but rather telling them how to actually interpret it.

Jesus' Five Principles about the Law

1. It is the spirit of the law that is primary
 - a. Obeying the letter of the law makes it humanly attainable, graceless, and just religion
2. Conformity to the law must not be thought of as actions only, but heart, motives, & thoughts
3. The law must not be seen as negative, but also positive
4. the law is not to keep us in a state of oppressive obedience, but rather bringing the glorious life of liberty.
5. The law isn't an end in itself, but rather to point you to Jesus and grow closer to God.

Conclusion

When asked, how is my spiritual life? If you look at your sins and obedience to the law, you miss what your Christian life is all about.

Ask yourself, was God supreme in my life today?
Did I live for His glory today or mine?