

**CHRIST AND THE LAW**  
**Matthew 5:17-20**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**In this message, Christ And The Law, we will survey Christ's fulfillment of The Law and His call to True Righteousness.**

- **“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil (Matt 5:17).**

**I. CHRIST'S FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW AND THE PROHETS (v. 17)**

**A. Jesus' Declaration**

**B. Ways in Which Christ Fulfilled The Law (Heb 4:15; 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13; 1 John 1:7; Rev 1:5)**

**C. Christ Fulfilled Old Testament Prophecies (Isa 7:14; Matt 1:23; Gen 22:8; John 1:29; Ps 23:1; John 10:11; Luke 24:25-27)**

**D. Christ Fulfilled The Law by Revealing the True Meaning of The Law (Rom 3:20)**

**II. CHRIST AFFIRMS THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE (vv. 18-19)**

**A. According to Christ not one jot or one tittle would pass from The Law until all is completely fulfilled (v. 18; Matt 5:18; 2 Tim 3:16; John 10:35).**

**B. The Word of God Stands Forever (Isa 40:8)**

**C. We Must Practice and Teach the Whole Bible (v. 19; Acts 20:26-27)**

**D. Jesus warned all who break the law, even if it is the least, shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven (v. 19a).**

**E. The obedient person can expect great reward. He shall be called great in Heaven (v. 19b; John 14:15; 1 Pet 1:14-16).**

**III. CHRIST'S PROCLAMATION FOR GODLY RIGHTEOUSNESS (v. 20; Matt 23)**

**A. Their Righteousness Was Self-Servicing (vv. 5-7, 20b)**

**B. We must have Godly righteousness to enter the Kingdom of Heaven (20a; Rom 3:21; Isa 51:5, 6, 8; 56:1; Phil 3:9; Rom 8:4; Matt 22:37-39)**

**CONCLUSION:**

**A. Jesus came to fulfill The Law and The Prophet, to affirm the authority of Scripture and to proclaim the need for Godly righteousness.**

**B. Christ's is the Believer's righteousness. Christ is the righteousness that exceeds the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees.**

**C. “O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him” (Ps 34:8).**

**D. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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