

Christ and the Law **Matthew 5:17-20**

“Ignorance of the nature and design of the law is at the bottom of most of our religious mistakes.” John Newton

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- 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.*
- *2 Corinthians 1:20*
- ¹⁸ *For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*
- *Romans 8:3-4*

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- ¹⁹ *Therefore whoever relaxes 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 does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*
- *Matthew 23:23*
- ²⁰ *For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

What does the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees look like?

1. Tradition is more important than Truth.
 - *Matthew 15:6*
2. Details are more important than insight.
 - *Matthew 23:24*
3. Appearance is more important than the heart.
 - *Matthew 23:25-28*

So What?

How can your righteousness exceed the scribes and Pharisees?

- *Jeremiah 31:33*
- *Matthew 22:34-40*
- *1 John 5:1-3*