



# KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH

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## **DISCIPLESHIP FOUNDATIONS 1**

**The Sermon on the Mount – Session 3**

***A Different Kind of Righteousness – Part 2***

March 15, 2017

**Text: Matthew 5:31-48**

### **Session 2 Review**

In Session 2, we considered the words of Jesus concerning the righteousness that is necessary to enter the kingdom of heaven (which means receiving eternal life). We saw in the end that we cannot be righteous through law keeping because we cannot perfectly obey the law from our heart. We considered two of the six illustrations that Jesus gave in which he magnified the requirements of the law: anger (the commandment against murder) and lust (the commandment against adultery).

### **Session 3 Overview**

In this third session, we will consider the last four of the six illustrations that Jesus used to magnify the law to show us our inability to keep the law, in order to ultimately point us to him.

The third illustration deals the law that regulated the practice of divorce. Addressing divorce is a natural progression from the second illustration which deals with lust and adultery. The point clearly is that lust that is not repented of, and which is spiritual adultery, will likely progress to actual adultery and divorce. In a world where marriage vows are taken lightly, the words of Jesus against divorce are sobering.

In the fourth illustration, Jesus deals with the law against oaths and calls his disciples to honesty of speech by letting our yes be yes and our no be no.

In the fifth illustration, Jesus deals with our natural tendency to retaliate against those who wrong us. Rather than retaliating and seeking revenge, Jesus calls his disciples to a radical form of self-denial when wronged.

Finally, in the sixth illustration, Jesus magnifies the law that calls us to love our neighbour and hate our enemy. Instead, he calls his disciples to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them. He ends his illustration with this tall command: “You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” How is it possible for imperfect people to be perfect? Through the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ who died on the cross as a substitute for sinners! And this is the wonder of the gospel.