

The Garden – Matthew 5:17-18 – 2/1/22

“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. 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.” - Matthew 5:17-18

Key Idea - Jesus Came to fulfill the Law, not to abolish it

Definitions:

abolish: _____

fulfill: _____

*** Let’s start with verse 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.**

1. What “law” is Jesus speaking about? John 1:17, Deuteronomy 31:9 _____

*** Next, let’s look at the three aspects of the OT Law that Christ fulfilled.**

1. The Moral Law-How did Jesus fulfill it? 2nd Corinthians 5:21, 1Peter 2:22, 1John 3:5 He fulfilled it _____ by keeping it _____

2. The Ceremonial Law - How did Jesus fulfill it?

Colossians 2:16-17, Hebrews 10:8-1 ...The ceremonial requirements of the OT law (dietary, festivals, sacrifices) were _____ pointing to Jesus, but since Jesus came, and fulfilled those _____, they have no value anymore.

3. The Judicial Law - How did Jesus fulfill it?

Romans 6:23, Matthew 12:18, 20, Hebrews 4:15

**Jesus fulfilled the Judicial Law by being the _____
_____to satisfy God's_____.**

*** Now, let's move on to verse 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."**

4. Christ is emphasizing the enduring authority of scripture, both the _____ and the _____

5. Matthew 24:35, 1Peter1:25, The truths of Scripture remain true. Christ _____ all aspects of the Law, proving the Truth of God's word.

*** All things in the whole of Scripture remain true, down to last "iota" the smallest letter in Hebrew, and "dot" or "tittle" in some versions, the smallest stroke in a Hebrew letter emphasizing that point.**

Reflections:

So why are we not under the Law, but under grace?

Romans 7:4, Romans 10:4, John 1:17,

Reflecting on your walk, do you ever find yourself wanting to just "check off boxes" or "live under the Law" in order to please God?

If so, when does this happen?

If not, what helps you to not do this?

Bible Verses for 2/1/22

John 1:17 - For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Deuteronomy 31:9 - Then Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.

2 Corinthians 5:21 - For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Peter 2:22 - He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

1 John 3:5 - You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

Colossians 2:16-17 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Hebrews 10:8-10 When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 12:18, 20 - "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit...²⁰ a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory;

Hebrews 4:15 - For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin

Matthew 24:35 - Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

1 Peter 1:25 - but the word of the Lord remains forever.