



Jesus Comes to Full Fill the Law

Matthew 5

These are the characteristics of the citizens of God's Kingdom

Matt 5: **1**Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, **2**and he began to teach them.

He said:

3"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

5Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

6Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

7Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

8Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

10Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

How are We the Salt and Light of the World?

Salt and Light

Matthew 5: 13“**You are the salt of the earth.** But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14“**You are the light of the world.** A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15**Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and **it gives light to everyone in the house.** **16**In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The world is preserved because of disciples.

Justin Martyr's Second Apology Chap 7:

God delays bringing about the end and chaos of the whole world—which will eventually wipe out evil angels, demons, and wicked humans—for the sake of Christians, who realize their presence is why nature is kept alive.

If God were not holding back judgment because of Christians, you would not even be alive today to persecute them or be driven by evil spirits.

Instead, a fire of judgment would have already descended to completely destroy everything, just as the ancient flood wiped out everyone except Noah and his family.

Jesus came to fulfill the law

Matt 5: 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.**

18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.



Why would Anyone Try to Relax (Set Aside)?

Matt 5: 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside (relaxes) one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

How eager do we have to be to make things right with our brothers?

Anger and Reconciliation

Matt 5: **21** *You have heard that it was said to the ancients*, ‘Do not murder’ and ‘Anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’

22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ will be subject to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be subject to the fire of hell.

23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, **24** leave your gift there before the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

25 Reconcile quickly with your adversary, while you are still on the way to court. Otherwise, he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. **26** Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

How seriously does Jesus expect us to address lust and self-gratification?

Adultery

Matthew 5: 27 *You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’*

28 **But I tell you** that anyone who looks at a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, **gouge it out** and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for ***your whole body to be thrown into hell.***

30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, **cut it off** and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for ***your whole body to depart into hell.***



When is the only time divorce is allowed?

Divorce

Matthew 5: 31 *It has also been said,*

‘Whoever divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’

32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, brings adultery upon her. And he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

New Covenant is Perfect

Matt 19: **1**When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. **2**Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

3Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?”

4“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ **5**and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’ ? **6**So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

7*“Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?”*

8Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. **9**I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

What happened to the Sabbath?

Chapter 12 of his Dialogue with Trypho, Justin Martyr

The new law requires you to keep never ending sabbath, and you, because you are idle for one day, think you are pious, not understanding why this has been commanded to you.

And if you eat unleavened bread, you say the will of God has been fulfilled.

The Lord our God takes no pleasure in such observances. If there is any lying person or thief among you, let him stop.

If any adulterer, let him repent. Then he has kept the sweet and true sabbaths of God. If anyone has impure hands, let him wash and be pure.

We enter this rest thru faith and obedience

Heb 4: **1**Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. **2**For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. **3**For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:

6Since therefore it remains that some *must* enter it, and those to whom it was first preached *did not enter because of disobedience*,

7“Today, if you will hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts.”

11Let us therefore *be diligent to enter that rest*, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

Old covenant is Obsolete

Heb 8: **7**For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.

8But God found fault with the people and said :

“The days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

9It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,

because they did not remain faithful to my covenant,
and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.

10This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel
after that time, declares the Lord...

12For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

**13 By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one
obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.**