

The Law, Jesus, and Us

Matthew 5:17-19

1. What is the Law?
 - a. Moral Law is God's _____ of righteousness.
 - b. Civil Law was God's _____ of righteousness to His kingdom people.
 - c. Ritual Law was God's _____ of what it would take to restore righteousness to His people.
2. How does Jesus fulfill the law?
 - a. He fulfilled the Law by satisfying all of its requirements on our behalf.
 - b. He fulfilled the Law by fulfilling all that it illustrates.
 - c. He **is** fulfilling the law by conforming our character to His.
3. How do we respond to the law now?
 - a. We remember that grace frees us from the _____ of the law.
 - b. But we remember that grace does not free us from _____.

**BE DIFFERENT
LIVE DIFFERENT**

Matthew 5-7



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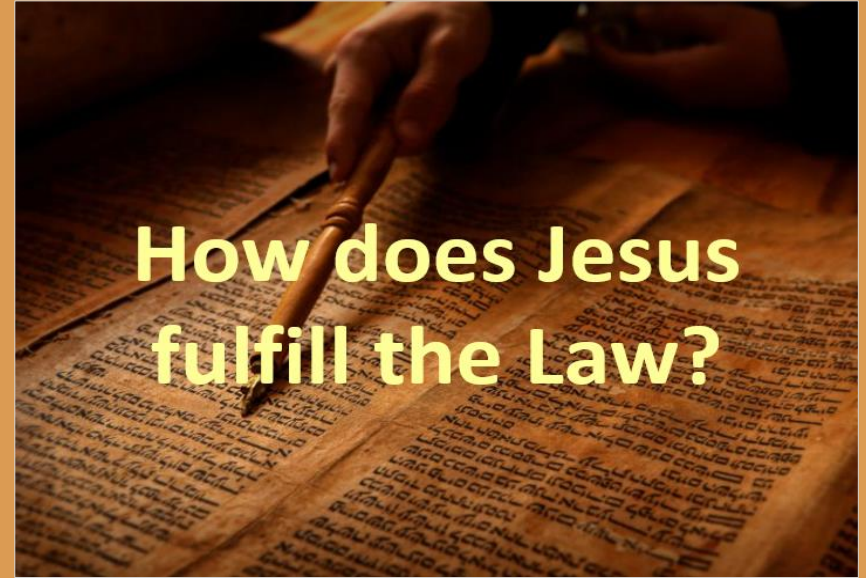
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**How does Jesus
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**What is our
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*The Law and the Prophets refer to
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But the controversy concerned the Law especially.



What is the Law?

There are three types of law
in the Old Testament.



Moral Law

Civil Law

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MORAL LAW
is God's explanation
of righteousness.

Exodus 20:13-16

13 You shall not murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness against
your neighbor.



Exodus 20:3-7

3 You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 You shall not make for yourself an idol...

7 You shall not take the name of the
LORD your God in vain...



**God's moral law is a
blueprint of your design.**





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Ritual Law

CIVIL LAW
was God's application
of righteousness to His
kingdom people.

Exodus 21:35-36

And if one man's ox hurts another's so that it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide its price equally; and also they shall divide the dead ox. Or if it is known that the ox was previously in the habit of goring, yet its owner has not confined it, he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead animal shall become his.



**God intends for His
people to live out
righteousness in
community.**





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RITUAL LAW
was God's illustration of what
it would take to restore
righteousness to His people.

Leviticus 1:2-4

Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them,
“When any man of you brings an offering
to the LORD, you shall bring your offering of
animals from the herd or the flock. If his
offering is a burnt offering from the herd,
he shall offer it, a male without defect...



Leviticus 1:2-4

...he shall offer it at the doorway of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD. And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that it may be accepted for him to make atonement on his behalf.”



Hebrews 9:23

For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.



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He fulfilled the Law by satisfying all of its requirements on our behalf.

John 8:29

And He who sent Me is with Me; He has
not left Me alone, for **I always do the
things that are pleasing to Him.**



Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, **yet without sin.**



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He fulfilled the Law by fulfilling
all that it illustrates.

Luke 24:26-27

“Was it not necessary for the Christ
to suffer these things and to enter
into His glory?”

And beginning with Moses and with all the
prophets, He explained to them the things
concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.



Hebrews 10:11-14

And every priest stands daily ministering
and offering time after time the same
sacrifices, which can never take away sins...



Hebrews 10:11-14

...but *Jesus*, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.



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Romans 8:3-4

For what the Law could not do,
weak as it was through the flesh, God did:
sending His own Son in the likeness of
sinful people and as an offering for sin,
He condemned sin in the flesh, in order
that **the requirement of the Law might be
fulfilled in us**, who do not walk according
to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

**Jesus is at work to bring
your life into conformity
to His righteousness.**



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We remember that grace frees us
from the penalty of the law.

Galatians 3:10

For all who rely on works of the Law are
under a curse; for it is written,
“Cursed is everyone who does not abide by
all things written in the book of the law,
to perform them”...



Galatians 3:13

...Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us— for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”

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Romans 6:17-18

But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to the content of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, **you became slaves of righteousness.**

**True freedom is found
only when we live
according to design.**



**Are you
living in the
freedom of
obedience?**

