

The Christian & the Law of God

The Sermon on the Mount Series – Part 5

Scripture text: Matthew 5:17-20

- A popular preacher insists that the Christian faith must be _____ from the Old Testament. *What does Jesus think?*

Antinomianism

- “Antinomianism” is the idea that the _____ of God no longer applies.
- This tends to make professing Christians _____ from non-Christians.

Truth #1

Christ _____ the Law
of God on our behalf.

- The Law stipulates what must be done (or avoided) to be _____ with God. The Law is permanent & binding.
- There’s no way any of us can _____ the Law in its _____ all the time.
- The penalty for breaking the Law is _____ and _____ from God.
- In his mercy & grace, God sent his Son:
 - 1) Jesus obeyed the Law _____.
 - 2) This enabled Jesus to pay the Law’s _____ on our behalf.
- The biblical word for this is _____.

Truth #2

Through the miracle of _____,
the Law becomes _____ to us.

- “Regeneration” is a work of the _____ that he accomplishes at the moment we _____.
- What he does is implant in us new _____, namely, the desire to _____ & _____ Jesus Christ.

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Truth #3

The Holy Spirit not only makes the Law attractive,
but he _____ us to obey it in
_____ measure.

- It is a false view of _____ to believe it has nothing to do with _____ . A primary purpose of Grace is to enable us to _____ the Law.
- Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones: *“If your so-called grace does not make you keep the law, you have not received grace.”*

A Warning to the Self-Sufficient

- The “self-sufficient” are those who insist they’ll get to God on their own _____ .
- Jesus shocked his listeners by saying their righteousness must surpass that of the _____ .
- What he’s saying is that we need a different _____ of righteousness; that being, the righteousness of _____ himself, which is _____ to us when we believe.
- The world says: “_____ this.” Jesus says: “Let me _____ it for you.”

Family Discussion Questions

1. Which Truth made the biggest impression on you?
2. What Law of God has our family not been attentive to?

Who’s Who in Today’s Message

- Andy Stanley (1958-): Widely-considered one of the best Christian communicators in America today. He pastors a mega-church in the Atlanta area.
- George Whitefield (1714-1770): The man whose preaching sparked the Great Awakening of the 1730’s & 40’s. This was a time of unprecedented spiritual revival in England & America.
- Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones (1899-1981): A Welsh preacher who was famous for his word-by-word preaching of the Scriptures.