

## **Jesus Alone Fulfills What He Requires of Us**

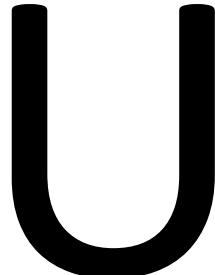
Matthew 5:17-20

#4 Sermon on the Mount

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<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” Matt 5:17-18



### **What Jesus Requires of Us**

<sup>19</sup>“Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matt 5:19-20

### **Reflection Questions**

**Monday:** Read Matt 5:17-20. Note what Jesus said about Himself and God's Word in v. 17-18 and what he requires of us in v. 19-20. What does this tell you about Jesus' view of Himself and God's Word?

**Tuesday:** Read Matt 5:17-18; John 5:39; and Luke 24:25-27, 44-49. How does Jesus view Himself in relation to the Old Testament? What difference should this make in how you interpret the Old Testament?

**Wednesday:** Read Matt 5:17-18 and Hebrews 1:1-4. How did Jesus fulfill the Law and the Prophets? What difference should this make in your life?

**Thursday:** Read Matt 5:19-20 and Romans 4-5. What does it mean to annul a commandment? How can our righteousness exceed the scribes and Pharisees?

**Friday:** Read Matt 5:19-20; Heb 10:1-25; and Galatians 3. We all have broken God's Law and need to be righteous before God to enter the kingdom of heaven. What is our hope?

**Saturday:** Read Matt 5:21-26 and do all you can to reconcile with anyone with whom you are at odds. Bring a friend with you to church tomorrow.