

Sermon Title: **“JESUS FULFILLED THE LAW”**

Matthew 5:17-20

- There are 613 Laws recorded in the Old Testament
 - If you wanted to be considered in right standing as a Jewish person, you needed to adhere to all of them, plus other traditions
- What we do is a result of our relationship with Jesus Christ (it starts inside us & becomes visible to the outside)
- The Jewish audience had to be asking themselves at this point in Jesus’ teaching, “Okay, what about the Law?”
- Jesus clarifies ANY misunderstanding, Jesus does NOT nullify, cancel, or destroy the Law (Jesus completes & fulfills & satisfies the Law)
- James Boice – “The Bible is about Jesus & He is its fulfillment in all ways. He fulfills the moral law by His obedience, the prophecies by the specifics of His life, & all the sacrificial system by His once-&-for-all atonement.”
- The Bible is ONE cohesive story
 - Scripture bleeds God’s love for us – despite our sin – God NEVER stopped pursuing us
 - The Bible is ALL about Jesus
 - Anywhere we Look in the Book we Find the Lord, Jesus Christ
- “Until heaven & earth pass away” (appears 31 times in the Book of Matthew) – means “Until the end of the age”
 - Jesus is actually emphasizing the reliability & the truthfulness of the very words of Scripture w/ the strongest possible language
 - Obedience to God’s Word & the instruction of God’s Word is NOT a flippant task
- Charles Spurgeon – “Lord, make me a right loyal subject, & may I both ‘do & teach’ according to Thy Word! Whether I am little or great on earth, make me great in obedience to Thee!”