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Sermon Title: **“BE PERFECT”**

Matthew 5:48

- The Law addresses \_\_\_\_\_ sin issues
- The scribes & Pharisees had \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Mosaic Law, so that, \_\_\_\_\_ (to some degree) they could keep it
- Any attempt (in our own strength) to follow the \_\_\_\_\_, leaves us exposed to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the entire Law

I. THE \_\_\_\_\_

- The scribes & Pharisees (over time) had reduced the Mosaic Law to a \_\_\_\_\_ standard of outward conformity
- “\_\_\_\_\_” is NOT a verb, it’s an adjective. What that means is perfect is NOT an action, it’s a \_\_\_\_\_ (perfect is a descriptor of who we are)
- As followers of Jesus, we should be \_\_\_\_\_ Him MORE in everything we participate in (\_\_\_\_\_)

II. THE \_\_\_\_\_

- Our God, who sits on His throne in Heaven is \_\_\_\_\_ (He’s holy & perfect) ... as \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, we are to \_\_\_\_\_ like Christ
- Presently (positionally speaking) followers of Christ are \_\_\_\_\_ (we lack nothing) our \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ
  - ALL \_\_\_\_\_ is given to our God, who takes the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and through His grace, regenerates us