

Jesus Style Living—Part 5
Matthew 5:17-20
Is The Old Testament for Today?
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Introduction

Should we do away with the Old Testament?

"We should unhitch ourselves from the O.T." (Andy Stanley)

What did Jesus say about the O.T. and the law.

I. Christ Did Not Come to Abolish the Law and Prophets, Vs. 17

A. He came on a mission.

B. The law of God was composed of three parts.

1. The Moral Law
2. The Judicial Law
3. The Ceremonial Law

II. Christ Came to Fulfill the Law, Vs. 17-18

A. To complete the law.

B. How did Jesus fulfill or complete the law?

1. By becoming the Word Vs.18, (John 1:1-2)
2. By completing the law (Romans 10:4)
3. He fulfilled all the O.T. predictions about himself.
4. He fulfilled the law by living a sinless life.
5. He fulfilled the law by His teaching.

III. Now That The Law is Completed in Christ Do I Have To Keep It? Vs.19

A. Yes

B. Even the least of these.

C. 1John 2:3, 1John 3:21

IV. Christ Called Us to a Higher Standard of Righteousness, Vs. 20

A. The Pharisee righteousness had three problems.

1. Was self-serving (Matthew 23:5-7)
2. Was partial (Matthew 23:23)
3. Was external only (Matthew 23:25-28)

B. The Greater righteousness

1. it was testified to by the law and prophets
(Romans 3:21)

2. It is credited to us by faith in Christ (Phil. 3:9)

3. It is worked in us by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 5:20)

Conclusion

If you believe what Jesus said about the Bible, you will read it!