

Matthew 5:20

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Misinterpretation #4: God's Favor can be earned through our Good Works

4. God's favor is given freely to bankrupt sinners who look to Jesus' unfathomable grace.

Matthew 9:10-13

- *Ask: How will I depend on Jesus to do what I can't do?*

Life Group / Reflection Questions

Read It:

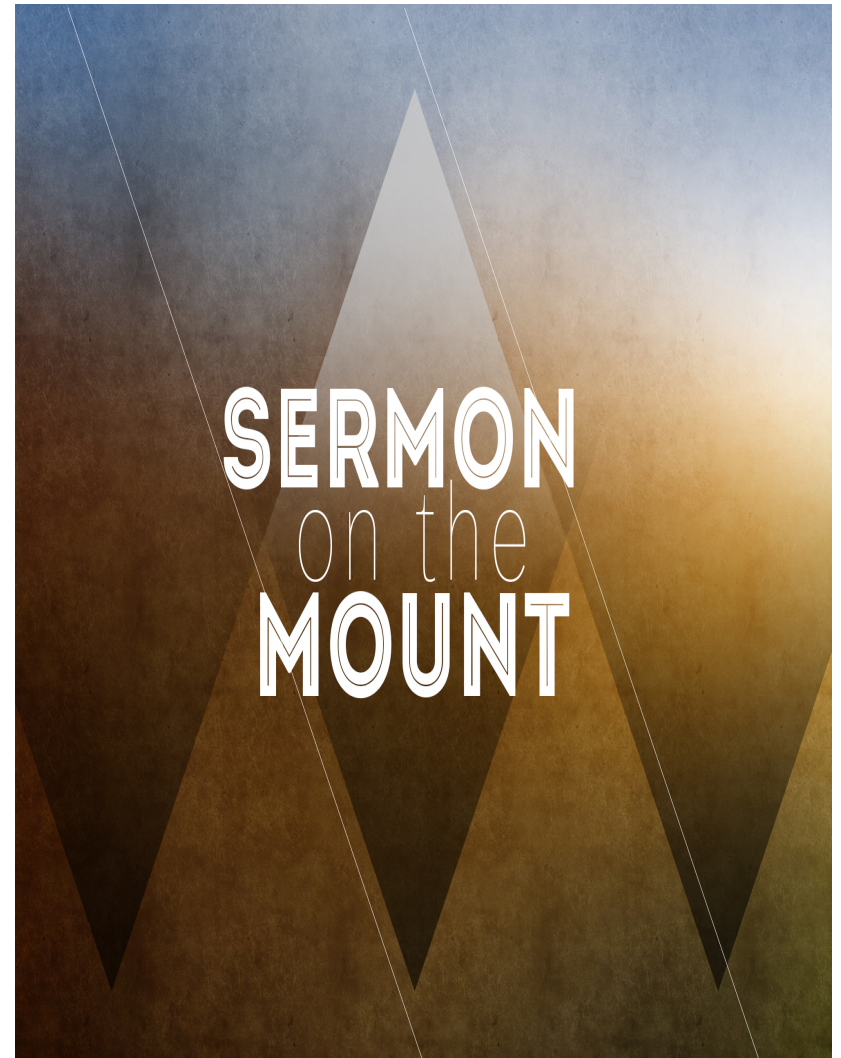
- *Read Matthew 5:17-20 is there anything in this passage that stirs your heart?*

Study It:

- *How did Jesus fulfill the Old Testament? Why is the Old Testament still important for Christian today? (Matthew 5:17)*
- *Why is it important that not a single part of God's Word pass away? What is the word of God meant to accomplish in your life? How do you see this happening? (Matthew 5:17-18)*
- *Why is seeking the heart of Jesus behind each passage of scripture so important? What is the risk of missing Jesus heart in the Bible?*
- *Read Matthew 5:19 – What is Jesus saying is the best way to learn and teach the Bible? Is this the way we do it? What needs to change in how you learn the Bible? What is the danger of learning without doing what we learn?*
- *Read Matthew 9:10-13 – What is the difference between the Pharisee's and the Tax Collectors? Why does Jesus accept the tax collectors and not the Pharisees?*
- *How can your righteousness surpass that of the Pharisee's? (Matthew 5:20)*

Do it:

- *What is one take away and one action that you will commit to as a result of this passage of scripture?*



Sunday May 7th, 2015
“Fulfillment of The Law”
Matthew 5:17-20

Sermon on the Mount
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Sermon on the Mount is an invitation into Jesus’ Kingdom:

- A Society where Jesus is King and we are not
- A Society where its citizens imitate and reflect the heart of Jesus

Jesus is essential to how we read and experince the Bible

Why is reading the Bible correctly so important?

1. When we miss interpret the Bible we miss the heart of Jesus
2. When we miss the heart of Jesus, we miss the life Jesus died for us to live

How are we to read and understand the Bible?

Matthew 5:17

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Misinterpretation #1: The OT is for Israel, The NT is for Christians

1. Jesus is the central Redemptive Story throughout the whole Bible

➤ Ask: Where is Jesus in this scripture?

Matthew 5:18

For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Misinterpretation # 2: We are no longer under the Law but under Grace

2. We are under Jesus: His Word accomplishes the transformation of our hearts not just our behavior

➤ Ask: How is Jesus’ heart displayed in this scripture?

- **Jeremiah 31:31** *“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah... I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

Matthew 5:19

Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Misinterpretation #3: We can learn & teach the bible without living it

3. TThe only way to learn & teach the Bible is to live it

➤ Ask: How can I live out the heart of Jesus behind this scripture?