

The Sermon on the Mount—Fall 2015

Week 3 - *Jesus, the Law, and the Christian*—Matthew 5.17-48¹

Week 1—*The Blessing of the Kingdom*—Matthew 4.23-5.12

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Week 4 - *True & False Piety*—Matthew 6.1-18

Week 5 - *True & False Treasure*—Matthew 6.19-34

Week 6 - *Relationships: Vertical & Horizontal*—Matthew 7.1-12

Week 7 - *True or False*—Matthew 7.13-27

Introduction

John Newton: *“Ignorance of the nature and design of the law is at the bottom of most of our religious mistakes.”* DISCUSS...how do you see this taking place today in the church or in your own life?

I. What is the Law?

II. What Does Jesus Teach here?

Jesus’ teaching can be grouped under four main headings:

A. The Continuing Validity of the Law

Mt 5.17-18...

Romans 8.3-4...

B. The Present Fulfillment of the Law

¹ This outline is from Sinclair Ferguson, *The Sermon on the Mount*, chapter 7

1. Jesus fulfills the Law in his teaching

2. Jesus fulfills the Law in his deeds/lifestyle

3. Jesus fulfills the law in his death

4. Jesus fulfills the Law in his disciples

C. The Spirituality of the Law

D. The Distinguishing Function of the Law

Summary

The law has various functions in our lives:

- It shows us the character of God - as God's law.
- It shows us our sin - showing us what righteousness looks like and how we fall short, showing us the curse for disobedience
- It points us to Christ, the substitute law keeper
- And, once we are in Christ, it guides into love for Christ, telling us what it looks like to live back to God in love out of the salvation we have in Christ.

