



ONE AWESOME SERMON:  
HOUSE CLEANING OR  
HOUSEKEEPING?

Matthew 5:17-20




## SOME CONTEXT

You'll be fully satisfied (Blessed, 5:3-12) in Christ alone.

You'll suffer for the name of Christ (being salt and light will attract persecution.) You're in good company.

You'll need to let your Christ-light shine anyway.

Good deeds are still expected of you.



## SOME MAY ASK, “GOOD DEEDS?”

Today’s text serves as a transition into the balance of Chapter 5, where Jesus will challenge the listeners/readers to keep pressing on through the letter of the Law onto the spirit of the Law.

What is the heart behind the command?



VS. 17

Taken together, the whole of the Old Testament

The Law? The prophets? They are no joke. They spoke on purpose, with purpose.

Christ came not to abolish but to fulfill



## TO ABOLISH

“To loose what had been bound.”

“To dissolve, demolish, destroy or throw down.”

## TO FULFILL

“(Jesus) came not only to fulfill the types and prophecies by His actions and sufferings, but also to perform perfect obedience to the Law of God in His own person and to enforce and explain it fully by His doctrine. Thus He has fully satisfied the requirements of the Law.”

- Hebrew Greek Key Study Bible, Lexical Aids to the NT



VS. 18

“Until Heaven and earth disappear...” So, not in your lifetime or mine

Not the tiniest letter nor even the tiniest extensions on the written letters will disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished



VS. 19-20

Consider Gal. 3:10-25 All who rely on observing the Law are under a curse

Eph. 2:8-9 salvation by grace, through faith

Gal. 2:21 If righteousness could be gained through the Law, then Christ died for nothing





- Vs. 19

Echoed in James 2:10-11 Breaking one part of the Law makes a person guilty of it all



How is the world do we enter the Kingdom then?

By hiding in the One who is the fulfillment of it all, allowing His righteousness to be credited to our account. (Rom. 4, esp. vss. 4-5; visualized in Luke 15:22)