## Authentic Kingdom Life of Holiness

Matthew 5:17-20

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#### **Sermon on the Mount**

Matthew 5-7
Extraordinary Kingdom Living

- Matthew 5:3-16 Introduction Beatitudes - What a happy life! Be Salt and Light - Go Share it!
- Matthew 5:17-7:12 The Body Kingdom Life of Holiness and Power
- Matthew 7:13-27 Conclusion Choose! Two paths/gates, two trees, two claims, two foundations.



"Christians are to be good news before they share the good news." Joe Aldrich How?

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## **Be People of the Word Matthew 5:17-20**

<sup>17</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.



<sup>19</sup> Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.



#### **His Kingdom & The Law**

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Something old, something new!

A new higher level and in a new light.



### Jesus came as fulfilment of the Old Testaments

'Fulfil' is 'pleero' means to fill, fill up, Complete.

## All Prophecy fulfilled He obeyed all of it! Revealed the true meaning

Jesus fulfilled the Law by his life, death, resurrection, and his return.



### Jesus has extremely high view of the OT

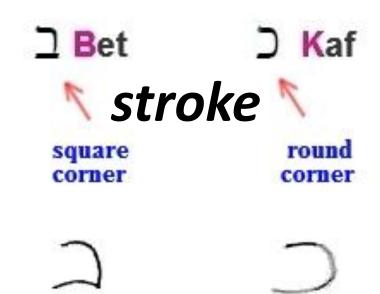
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## Pre-eminence of Scripture Perfection and Permanence of Scripture

Kept it in its entirety & depth

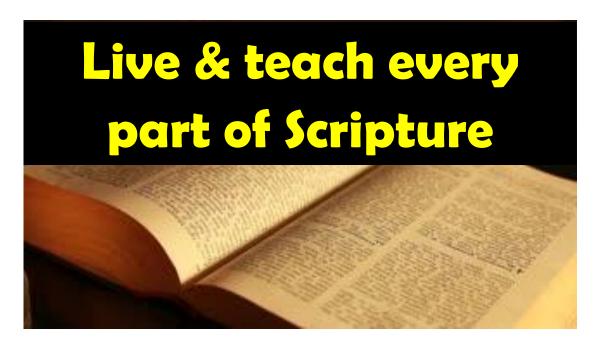
#### Smallest letter





#### **Honour Every Part of Scripture**

19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches...will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great...



Fredrick Bruner

"If we belittle scripture, we will ourselves become little in the kingdom"

### Righteousness of the Pharisees is insufficient

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Problem with

Pharisaic Righteousness

It was self-serving,

legalistic, hypocritical,

partial, and external.





Walk the Talk, Sincerity and Integrity.

It's abt the Heart!





## **True Righteousness**of the Heart of Love

Practice faith in accordance with

Loyalty of the Heart not Legalism

The Spirit not the Letter of the Law

2 Corinthians 3:6 Letter kills, Spirit gives life!

#### **Extraordinary Righteousness**

#### "You have heard it said...but I tell you..."

- No anger –extraordinary love for people.
- No lustful thoughts extraordinary purity.
- No divorce extraordinary marital covenant.
- No need of oath extraordinary trustworthiness.
- No retaliation extraordinary love of enemies.
- No agenda in giving help, good deeds extraordinary generosity.



## How can we fulfil such righteousness?



#### Philippians 3:9

I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

## **Born Again of the Spirit Given the new heart and spirit**

#### **Ezekiel 36:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

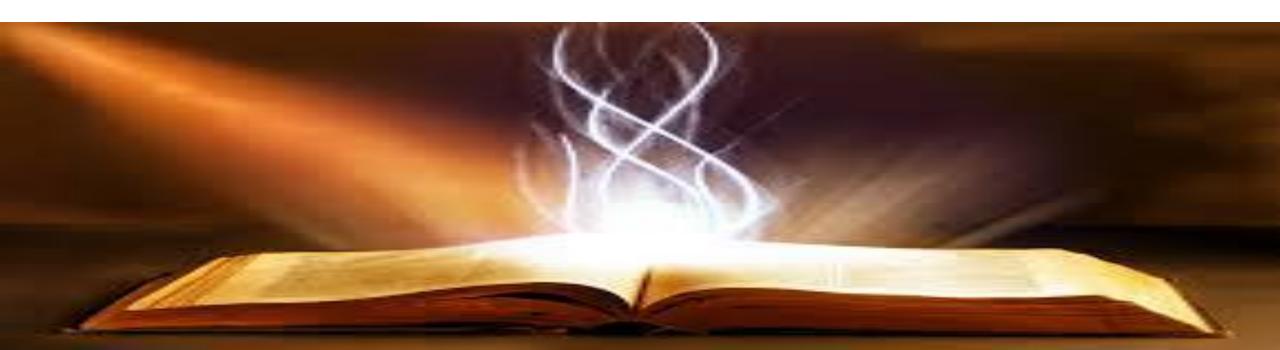


## Hearts of love for God and one another as we are being filled with the Spirit

Practice our faith in accordance to

The Essence not Form,

Theology not Tradition.



## Holy Lighters Be People of the Word

