

The Fulfilled Law

————— The Christian Use of Biblical Law: Part 2 —————

Sermon Questions

1. Matthew 5:17 is one of the most debated texts on Christ's relationship to the law. (Yes/No)
2. The "Law and Prophets" refers to (choose the best answer):
 - i. All the Old Testament Scriptures.
 - ii. The Old Testament (excluding the Psalms).
 - iii. The ethical demands of the Old Testament.
3. Jesus says "do not think" since many already thought his teachings abolished the law. (Yes/No)
4. The word "abolish" means "to completely _____ something which has been in force."
5. When Eph 2:15 says "abolish" it refers to the rituals of the _____ covenant superseded in the new.
6. In English, "fulfill" means "fill up to the top" or "make completely full." (Yes/No)
7. Many times "fulfill" is used in Matthew in a prediction-fulfillment pattern. (Yes/No)
8. Fill in the two reasons why "prediction-fulfillment" is not likely here:
 - i. The word "fulfill" must emphatically contrast with "_____."
 - ii. "Fulfill" does not always mean "prediction-fulfillment" and it doesn't _____ this context.
9. In Colossians 1:25 to "fulfill the word of God" means to _____.
10. What two uses or applications can we derive from Matthew 5:17?
 - i. Don't _____ the Bible or its teaching.
 - ii. Become a student of the _____ under the teaching of Christ.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Most commonly, commentators interpret Matthew 5:17 that Jesus fulfilled what the law revealed about the Messiah, or that he obeyed the law, or confirms the law. How do you see it?
2. How important is it for us to understand the context of words? How does the context of Ephesians 2:15 differ from the context of Matthew 5:17?
3. What are ways in which we can emphasize what Christ has done and neglect what he requires of us? Can you give contemporary examples?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

