

The Abiding Law

————— The Christian Use of Biblical Law: Part 3 —————

Sermon Questions

1. Recap: Christians only follow the laws of the New Testament, not the Old Testament (Yes/No)
2. Jesus teaches two foundational truths before he expounds the law in verses 21–48:
 - i. First, he has not come to abolish the law but to make it _____ known.
 - ii. Second, he does this because the law is _____.
3. The phrase “iota and dot” or “jot and tittle” refer to the _____ details of the law.
4. “Heaven and earth passing away” refers to: (circle the best answer)
 - i. A prophetic reference to the end of the old covenant or the judgment day.
 - ii. A comparison between two permanent things: the planet and the law.
5. Application 1: _____ to the abiding law is the measure of greatness in the kingdom.
6. The “least commandments” is a reference to the “insignificant” commands like tithing dill. (Yes/No)
7. Christians will be judged for what they have done before the judgment seat of Christ. (Yes/No)
8. Application 2: Adherence to the abiding law is _____ of kingdom citizenship.
9. The Pharisees kept the law carefully, so Jesus is calling us to an impossible standard. (Yes/No)
10. The _____ should not be blamed for either hypocrisy or legalism.
11. Verse 20 should be taken in the following way: (circle the best answer)
 - i. Righteousness is needed to get into the kingdom.
 - ii. Righteousness is characteristic of those in the kingdom.
12. What final two remarks need to be remembered:
 - i. The abiding law leads us to _____.
 - ii. Christ leads us to the _____.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Read Isaiah 40:7–8 and 1 Peter 1:13–25. What aspects or parts of the abiding word is mentioned in these passages? Is this a reference to the gospel, or law, or both?
2. What are possible objections or common questions that arise out of the teaching that the law of God as revealed in the Old Testament is abiding? Do you have an answer for these?
3. How would you explain to someone else that good works are necessary (in that they will accompany justification by faith), but not the basis for our salvation?
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? _____

