



CALLLED TO BE **Different**

Jesus Fulfilled Law

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Matthew 5:18-20

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.... 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.”

Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets

- Jesus fulfilled all the promises about the Messiah
- Jesus perfectly kept the letter and spirit of the Law
- Jesus fulfilled the requirements for justice required by the law
- Jesus established a new covenant relationship with God and people as promised in the scriptures.

“The day is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah... And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.” Jeremiah 31:31,34

“After the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.” Luke 22:20

*“But now apart from the law the **righteousness of God** has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This **righteousness** is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe... God **presented** Christ as a **sacrifice of atonement**, through the shedding of his blood... So we are **made right with God through faith** and not by obeying the law.”* Romans 3:21-28

When we try and add the covenants together, we end up with Jesus +

Jesus + Good Behavior = Close to God

Jesus + Bad Behavior = Distance from God

Jesus + Good Behavior - Bad Behavior = GODLINESS

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matthew 5:48

*“The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves... First, Christ said, “You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings or burnt offerings or other offerings for sin, nor were you pleased with them” (though they are required by the law of Moses). Then he said, “Look, I have come to do your will.” He **cancel**s the first covenant in order to **put the second into effect**. For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.... For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.”* Hebrews 10:1,8-10,14

Questions: What makes you feel distant from God? What makes you feel close to God? How does someone become righteous in God’s eyes? What does it look like practically to trust that Jesus “fulfilled the law” on your behalf? If we have been made holy, what motivates us to live like Jesus?