

The Kingdom & the Cross – Part VII
Matthew 5:17-48

1. _____ of God's _____ on His People (vv. 17-20)
 - a. Jesus confirmed the _____ of the Old Testament.
 - b. Jesus fulfilled the _____ of the Old Testament.
 - i. Jesus didn't just _____ the Law, Jesus _____ the Law. (v. 18; Rom. 10:4)
 - c. Jesus taught His followers to _____ the Old Testament.
 - i. We are empowered for greater _____ by the Spirit of Christ.
 - ii. We obey in light of the _____ of Christ.
2. _____ of God's _____ for His People (vv. 21-48)
 - a. The examples of "greater righteousness" are _____, not _____.
 - b. We control anger _____. (5:21-26)
 - i. Anger leads to _____ or _____.
 - ii. God's purpose through His people is _____.
 - c. We pursue sexual _____. (5:27-30)
 - i. _____ and be _____ in rooting out sin.
 - d. We embody marriage _____. (5:31-32)
 - e. We speak truth with _____. (5:33-37)
 - f. We reject vengeance _____. (5:38-42)
 - g. We reflect God's love _____. (5:43-48)
 - i. Love is not _____, it is _____.

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1. Escalation of God's Demands on His People (vv. 17-20)
 - a. Jesus confirmed the authority of the Old Testament.
 - b. Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament.
 - i. Jesus didn't just keep the Law, Jesus completed the Law. (v. 18; Rom. 10:4)
 - c. Jesus taught His followers to obey the Old Testament.
 - i. We are empowered for greater righteousness by the Spirit of Christ.
 - ii. We obey in light of the accomplishment of Christ.
2. Illustrations of God's Designs for His People (vv. 21-48)
 - a. The examples of "greater righteousness" are suggestive, not exhaustive.
 - b. We control anger urgently. (5:21-26)
 - i. Anger leads to escalation or isolation.
 - ii. God's purpose through His people is restoration.
 - c. We pursue sexual purity. (5:27-30)
 - i. Beware and be ruthless in rooting out sin.
 - d. We embody marriage faithfully. (5:31-32)
 - e. We speak truth with integrity. (5:33-37)
 - f. We reject vengeance completely. (5:38-42)
 - g. We reflect God's love radically. (5:43-48)
 - i. Love is not recommended, it is required.