

# The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

## Matthew 5: 20 (NASB)

"For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

If we are not under the Law is it OK to sin?

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Romans 6: 1-14 (NASB)
Therefore we have been buried

with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

If we are under Grace then what motivates us not to sin?

1. United with God

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    - 3. Under Grace
- 4. Under Judgement
  - 5. United with God

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"You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.'

Who were the ancients?

## Matthew 5: 22 (NASB)

But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,'

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shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.

What point is Jesus making?

## 1 Samuel 16: 7 (NASB)

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him;

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for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

## Luke 11: 37-39 (NASB)

Now when He had spoken, a Pharisee asked Him to have lunch with him; and He went in, and reclined at the table.

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When the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised that He had not first ceremonially washed before the meal.

What did the Pharisee notice that was upsetting to him?

Did God ever state that the Israelites had to wash their hands before a meal?

## Luke 11: 37-39 (NASB)

But the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but inside of you, you are full of robbery and wickedness

#### Matthew 23: 27 (NASB)

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

Do we see any rituals today in Churches that were instituted by man and not God?

Why do you think this happens?

## Better gun laws could save thousands of lives, major non-partisan US study finds

Authors say research into assault weapons ban, universal background checks, and other proposals helps fill gaps in 'a fact-free environment'



▲ Marjory Stoneman Douglas student Emma González hugs her father after speaking at a rally. Photograph: Rhona

What do laws not fix?

#### **EZEKIEL 36:26**

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.

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# Matthew 5: 23 (NASB) Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against

# Matthew 5: 24 (NASB) leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

#### Question

Does this remind you of another passage?

# 1 Corinthians 11:28 (NASB)

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

## Matthew 5: 25 (NASB)

Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

# Matthew 5: 25 (NASB)

Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last cent.

#### Question

What is Jesus telling us here?

# 1 Corinthians 6: 1-6(NLT)

When one of you has a dispute with another believer, how dare you file a lawsuit and ask a secular court to decide the matter instead of taking it to other helievers!

# 1 Corinthians 6: 1-6(NLT) Don't you realize that someday we believers will judge the world? And

since you are going to judge the world, can't you decide even these little things among yourselves?

# 1 Corinthians 6: 1-6(NLT)

Don't you realize that we will judge angels? So you should surely be able to resolve ordinary disputes in this life. If you have legal disputes about such matters, why go to outside judges

## 1 Corinthians 6: 1-6(NLT) who are not respected by the church? I am saying this to shame you. Isn't there anyone in all the church who is wise enough to decide these issues?

# 1 Corinthians 6: 1-6(NLT)

But instead, one believer sues another—right in front of unbelievers!

#### Question

Why is Paul so upset about Christians filing suit in from of unbelievers?