

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Christ and His Law – Part 4

Christ and the Law in the Sermon on the Mount

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are continuing a series of studies entitled Christ and His Law. Our topic today: Christ and the Law in the Sermon on the Mount

Scripture Theme Song: “You shall love the Lord your God”
Matthew 22:37-39

- 1) The Sermon on the Mount
 - a) Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:20-49
 - b) What are some of the best know verses in the Sermon on the Mount?
 - c) Jesus spends a large portion of His sermon speaking about the law: Matthew 5:17-48.
- 2) Jesus did not come to destroy the law
 - a) Matthew 5:17-20
 - i) What did the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees look like? Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:39
 - b) What does the righteousness that exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees look like?
 - i) Romans 3:21-22
 - ii) Philippians 3:8-9
 - iii) Romans 10:1-3
- 3) Going beyond the letter of the law
 - a) Matthew 5:21-26
 - i) What is the letter of the law here?
 - ii) What is the spirit of this portion of the law?
- 4) How is it possible for us to fulfill this command to love God with all our hearts and love our neighbor as ourselves? (reflect again on Matthew 5:17, 20)
 - b) Matthew 5:27-32
 - i) What is the letter of the law here?
 - ii) What is the spirit of this portion of the law?
 - iii) Why does Jesus recommend such drastic action?
 - iv) Why is it such a challenge to maintain pure thoughts in our media-saturated culture?
 - v) Share stories of deliverance
 - c) Matthew 5:33-37
 - i) What is the letter of the law here?
 - ii) What lesson can we learn from Jesus quoting Leviticus 19:12 and Deuteronomy 23:23?
 - iii) Context: Lev. 19:11-13; Deut. 23:21-23
 - iv) Example of Ananias and Sapphira: Acts 5:1-11
 - v) Why is it important to keep the promises we make, especially to God?
 - d) Matthew 5:38-42
 - i) What is the letter of the law here?
 - ii) Context: Exodus 21:22-25; Leviticus 24:19-20
 - iii) What do you find most startling about the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:39-42?
 - iv) Is Jesus asking for the impossible here?
 - e) Matthew 5:43-48 (see also Luke 6:36)
 - i) What is the letter of the law here?
 - ii) What drastic change does Jesus call for?
 - f) What else does Jesus say about the law and love?
 - i) Matt. 22:36-40 (See also Romans 13:8-10)