

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

The Teachings of Jesus – Part 10

The Law of God

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled The Teachings of Jesus. Our topic today: The teaching of Jesus about the Law of God.

Scripture Theme Song: “Let the word of Christ” –
Colossians 3:16

- 1) Jesus did not come to change the Law
 - a) Matthew 5:17-19
 - b) Acts 7:37-38 – who was that heavenly Messenger?
 - c) 1 Corinthians 10:4
 - d) If Jesus clearly stated that He did not come to change the Law, what was His desire in regards to His law?
- 2) Moving beyond just the letter of the Law
 - a) Matthew 5:20 – What did Jesus mean by this startling statement? (The Pharisees were highly respected for the works of righteousness).
 - b) Matthew 23:1-5, 25
 - c) You have heard that it was said, but I say...
 - i) Matthew 5:21-22
 - ii) Matthew 5:27-28
 - iii) Matthew 5:38-39
 - iv) Matthew 5:43-44
 - d) Is Jesus contradicting or abolishing the letter of the Law here?
- e) What is the goal here in moving beyond just the letter of the Law to the spirit of the Law? We know we are not trying to save ourselves. Matthew 5:16
- 3) Jesus and the 7th commandment
 - a) Matthew 5:27-30
 - b) This is serious language. How do we know that Jesus is NOT asking us to mutilate ourselves?
 - i) Luke 14:26; Matthew 5:44 – a hyperbole
 - ii) You can still sin with one eye or one hand.
 - c) Matthew 5:31-32
 - d) Matthew 19:3-10
 - e) What are the implications of this teaching of Jesus for our lives today?
- 4) Jesus and the 5th commandment
 - a) Matthew 15:3-9
 - b) What are some ways that we might try to excuse our disobedience by claiming that we are accomplishing a greater good?
- 5) Jesus and the essence of the Law
 - a) Matthew 19:16-22
 - b) What is Jesus saying here? Is Jesus really saying that keeping the commandments can save you? He only lists commandments 6,7,8,9,and 5, and then adds one summary commandment covering 5-10. What about the greatest commandment: love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind?
 - c) Why is the last part of v.22 so crucial?
 - d) Matthew 22:35-40
- 6) Our response to the clear teaching of Jesus? John 14:15