

Questions for Consideration—With the Master on the Mount—Lesson 4—Matthew 5:17- 20—Christ and His Follower’s Relationship to the Law

1. Read Matthew 5:17-20. If Christ came to fulfill the law as mentioned in verse 17, then why is it imperative that His followers obey the law as mentioned in verse 19?
  
2. Memorize Matthew 5:20.
  
3. (a) Jesus said He came to fulfill the law and the Prophets. What are some of the ways that Old Testament prophecy was fulfilled when Christ came according to Matthew 1:19- 23; 2:1-6; 2:14-23; 4:12-16? (b) How does this encourage you especially as it relates to some prophecies that have not been fulfilled yet or that you do not understand?
  
4. (a) What is the “righteousness” of the scribes and Pharisees according to Matthew 23? (b) What is true righteousness according to this passage? (c) What do you think that Jesus meant when He said in Matthew 5:20 that unless our righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees we will not enter into heaven? (d) What did the apostle Paul consider to be righteous living before salvation according to Philippians 3:1-11? (e) What kind of righteousness did he possess after salvation?
  
5. How does Romans chapter two relate to what Jesus says in Matthew 5:17-20? (b) What are the dangers of teaching others things that you yourself do not do according to Romans 2? (c) In what ways are we guilty of doing this in our lives? (d) How do we make sure that we live out what we say?
  
6. (a) How do we discern between self-righteousness and true righteousness? (Use scripture to back up your answer if able) (b) Are you depending on your righteousness for salvation?
  
7. (a) In what ways does Christendom today manifest the “righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees?” (b) How can followers of Christ avoid this pitfall? (c) How can we manifest genuine righteous living?
  
8. Those who are God’s children have been redeemed from the curse of the law according to Galatians 3:13! Write a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for what He has done for you in redemption.