

“Unless Your Righteousness Exceeds”

Matthew 5: 17 - 20

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Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 – 7)

5. We must be taught the enlightening nature of righteousness, (vs. 14 – 16)

6. We must be taught the genuine realization of righteousness, (vs. 17 – 7: 28)

a. Genuine Righteousness Is Not Found In Legalistic Rite Or Ritual, (vs. 17 – 20)

- The imputed righteousness of Christ is the fulfillment of the O.T., not the abrogation, (vs. 17); *“For, being **IGNORANT** of the righteousness of God, and **SEEKING** to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who **BELIEVES**. ” (Romans 10:3–4, ESV)*
- The imputed righteousness of Christ is the consummation of what the Law requires, (vs. 18); *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” (Matthew 24:35, ESV)*

*“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, **STANDING** before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was **WRITTEN** in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found **WRITTEN** in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. ” (Revelation 20:11–15, ESV)*

- The imputed righteousness of Christ is the standard by which all are judged, (vs. 19); *“At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ” (Matthew 18:1–6, ESV)*
- The imputed righteousness of Christ is the only means to the presence of God, (vs. 20); *“and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.” (Philippians 3:9–11, ESV)*

b. Genuine Righteousness Realizes The Reality Of Anger, (vs. 21- 26)

c. Genuine Righteousness Realizes The Reality Of Lust, (vs. 27 – 30)

“To Be Or Not” Series Outline

Matthew 3 - 12

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

The Lord Jesus Himself Has Told Us That True Righteousness Is Not A Ritual But A Nature, (Chpt. 3 - 12)

- Section 1: A Nature Of True Righteousness Has Been Displayed, (Chpt. 3 - 4)
- Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)
- Section 3: A Nature Of True Righteousness Must Be Applied, (Chpt. 8 - 9)
- Section 4: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Divinely Expected, (Chpt. 10 - 12)