

## **Fulfilled: The Heart of the Law**

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Matthew 5:17–19

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### **Opening Discussion:**

1. Is Christianity a religion of rules and regulations, of dos and do nots? Why or why not?
2. What is the tension between grace and mercy and the law?
3. Why might people think Jesus came to overthrow the law?
4. How should we approach the law or even rules to live by as followers of Jesus?

### **Explore the Passage**

#### **1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the law and prophets.**

Fulfilled= fully filled

- a. Jesus fulfilled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law.
- b. Jesus fulfilled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law.
- c. Jesus fulfilled all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law.
- d. Jesus fulfilled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law.

#### **2. The law will \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_.**

Three purposes of the law:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ purpose- the law helps us see our need for grace.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ purpose- the law helps us become more like Jesus.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ purpose- the law helps us rightly order society .

**3. As followers of Jesus, we must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the law.**

Types of law:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ laws- laws detailing the legal system of the nation of Israel in the Promised Land under the Old Covenant.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ laws- laws prescribing the religious practices of Israel in the Promised Land under the Old Covenant.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ laws- laws communicating God's standard of moral righteousness.
- d. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ laws do not apply to us because we are not Jews living in the Promised Land under the Old Covenant.

### **Fill in the Blank Answers**

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**1. Jesus fulfilled the law and prophets.**

heart, prophecies, requirements, payment

**2. The law will accomplish its purposes .**

Saving, Sanctifying, Societal

**3. As followers of Jesus, we must live out and teach the law.**

Civil, Ceremonial, Moral, civil, ceremonial