

Jesus fulfilled the Law

- We will be teaching today from the bible.
- I'm using the Amplified version. Of course - you can use the version that you prefer.
- The bible is the only real truth.
- It is the inspired Word of God.
- Gods truth comes to us by **revelation** from the **Holy Spirit** as we meditate on His Word.

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- What is the Law?
- What is its' purpose and why is it important?
- Do we have to keep the Law?
- How can we satisfy it?

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- God is a Holy God.
- God created mankind in His image so that He could have a perfect loving relationship with us.
- He loves us and wants to provide for our every need.
- When we were born into this world we entered a world that is broken.
- We begin in a broken state through no fault of our own.

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- God wants us to do things His way.
- However, before we were saved we did things our own way and that caused us to be separated from God.
- God desires an eternal unbroken perfect relationship with us.

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- So how can we know when we are doing things in our way – and more to the point – how do we know what is God's way?
- In order to make us aware - God gave the Law to Moses. The Law was given to the people of Israel – God's chosen people.

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- We find the Law in The Ten Commandments, in Exodus 20
- There are also instructions in the book of Leviticus.
- and blessings and curses are mentioned in the book of Deuteronomy 28 to 30.

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- We don't need to go into detail here because we all know the Ten Commandments.
- Suffice it to say that the Law was given to make us aware of SIN.
- My understanding is that the priests of the day guilt tripped the people by giving them the impression that they had to fulfil every bit of the Law in order to stand any chance of getting to heaven.

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- Look at what it says in the second part of
- *Romans 3:20*
- *..... For through the **Law** we become conscious of **sin** and the recognition of **sin** directs us toward repentance, but provides no remedy for **sin**.*

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- *Note that last bit.*
- The Law provides no remedy for sin.
- We will address that shortly.
- Living our own way rather than God's way is disobedient and sinful.
- The Law defines "SIN" and helps us to recognise it so that we can avoid engaging in it.

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- Clearly the Law talks about the penalty for being disobedient and going our own way.
- We deserve to be punished.
- If we are unsaved, the ultimate punishment is death.
- This is not just the death of our earthly body but it is spiritual death, the eternal separation from God.

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- The bible tells us that we have all sinned.
- [Romans 3:23](#)

Since all have sinned and are falling short of the honour and glory which God bestows and receives.

- So what can we do to make ourselves acceptable to God?
- How can we avoid the punishment of being excluded from His presence.

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- Can we atone for our sins?
- Can we redeem our mistakes by good works?
- Can we become acceptable by being a good person?
- How do we avoid the prescribed punishment?
- How can we fulfil the requirements of the Law?
- **We do it by accepting that Jesus was punished in our place.**
- **Jesus bore our punishment.**
- **We make our response to that by inviting Him to be our saviour.**

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- Galatians 3:13
- *Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a **tree** (is crucified);*
- *Jesus paid the price that we cannot pay.*

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- Moses gave the law but Jesus **fulfilled** it by taking our punishment on Himself.
- [John 1:17](#)
- *For while the **Law** was given through **Moses**, grace (unearned, undeserved favour and spiritual blessing) and truth came through **Jesus Christ**.*

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- Acts 13:39
- *And that through Him everyone who believes [who acknowledges Jesus as his Saviour*
- *and devotes himself to Him] is absolved (cleared and freed) from every charge from which he could not be justified and freed by the **Law of Moses** and given right standing with God.*

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- Romans 10:4
- *For Christ is **the** end of **the Law** [the limit at which it ceases to be, for **the Law** leads up to Him Who is **the** fulfilment of its types, and in Him **the** purpose which it was designed to accomplish is **fulfilled**.*
- *That is, **the purpose of the Law is fulfilled** in Him as **the** means of righteousness (right relationship to God) for everyone who trusts in and adheres to and relies on Him.*

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- We understand that **Jesus was punished** instead of us – in our place – a substitute sacrifice.
- **That** is how Jesus fulfilled the Law.
- We no longer have to atone for our misdemeanours because Jesus has paid the full price.
- We need to repent of our past rejection of Him and invite Him to take His rightful place in our lives.

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- When we accept what He has done for us and make a heart response to it .
- When we invite Him to take His rightful place as Lord.
- We will be forgiven our sins.
- We will be wiped clean.
- We will receive the free gift of salvation.
- We will be saved.
- We will come into relationship with our creator God for all eternity.

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- Jesus didn't preach that we have to satisfy the Law.
- Jesus demonstrated the authority, power, rule, dominion of the Kingdom of God by healing the sick and setting the captives free through deliverance.
- Jesus was challenged by legalists, *Pharisees*, who were under the Law.
- Their understanding and belief was that they had to be perfect to be acceptable to God.
- They tried to do this by following every letter of the Law. Impossible!!
- Jesus did not come to abolish the Law but to fulfil it.

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- *Matthew 5:17-20*
- ***Christ Came to Fulfil the Law***
- *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;*
- *I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfil** them.*
- *For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*
- *Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*
- *For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

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- Of course, the righteousness of the believer does exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees because we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
- It is His righteousness that is imputed to us – not anything we have gained by observing the Law.
- The requirements of the Law are fulfilled in us when we accept Him as our saviour.
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- Glory to God!

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