

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE LIFE OF JESUS

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PART 4: ENHANCING THE LAW OF MOSES

EXPANDING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

When Jesus presented the Ten Commandments and the other laws to Moses, He knew the people of Israel were not born again and the Holy Spirit did not dwell in them since the sins of mankind had not yet been paid. It wasn't until after Jesus was crucified and resurrected that the spiritual legal road was opened for mankind. **John 7:37-39**

Jesus commanded the apostles and other disciples not to perform any kind of work in the Kingdom of God until they had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. **Acts 1:4-8**

John the Baptist told the people that the Kingdom of Heaven was close. **Matthew 3:1-2**

Jesus also said the Kingdom of Heaven coming soon. **Matthew 4:18**

Jesus stated that a person had to be born again. **John 3:1-8**

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE PHARISEES

The Pharisees were considered the most righteous men on earth and the common people believed that type of righteousness would get them to heaven. Jesus destroyed this erroneous belief when He stated a person must exceed the righteousness of a Pharisee in order to go to heaven. **Matthew 5:20**

Jesus did not explain how this could be done since He was simply laying the foundation of His doctrine. The apostle Paul later stated that the righteousness of Christ is added to the person who has been born again. Thus, a born again believer exceeds the righteousness of a Pharisee. **Romans 3:19-28; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

YOU SHALL NOT KILL

Jesus quoted the fifth commandment delivered to Moses. **Exodus 20:13**

The commandment not to murder was given to individual people. This means you do not have the right to arbitrarily murder another person. Some 900 years before Moses, Jesus issued the death penalty for any person who indiscriminately took the life of another person. **Genesis 9:5-6**

Jesus then took the commandment a step further. **Matthew 5:21-22**

1. It was not enough to not commit murder because it is possible to be angry and commit murder in your mind.
2. We are not allowed to call someone "Raca" which means "worthless," "useless," "trash," etc.
3. We cannot attack a person's mental capacity.

Jesus defined three levels of reckoning:



1. *The Judgment*: A personal judgment according to the Word of God which can come in the form of loss of property or some other misfortune. **Matthew 5:22a; Galatians 6:7-8**
2. *The Council*: Some people refer this to the Jewish Sanhedrin but I don't think this is what Jesus meant. Jesus was referring to a council of watchers (holy angels) who ensure that God's will is carried out on earth. **Matthew 5:22b; Daniel 4:13-17**
3. *Hell Fire*: The closest Scriptural reference that fits this term used by Jesus was mentioned by the apostle Paul. **Matthew 5:22c; Hebrews 10:26-31**

Regardless how you interpret the words of Jesus, we can safely say that being angry in an unrighteous manner with a sibling or another Christian will certainly bring the wrath of God upon you.

FORGIVENESS

When you worship the Lord (home, church, or anywhere for that matter) and remember that another Christian has something against you, try to reconcile with the person who is offended before you engage in worship. Once this step has been taken, you can return and continue worshipping. **Matthew 5:23-24**

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:23-24)

Jesus laid out the process for reconciling with an adversary. **Matthew 18:15-17**

1. Try to reconcile one-on-one with the person. Most conflicts are settled in this manner.
2. If that doesn't work, go to the person again, but bring a couple of witnesses that can verify what took place.
3. If that doesn't work, bring the matter up before the congregation. If the person still refuses to reconcile, then he/she is to be treated as an outsider and refused fellowship with the rest of the church until the matter is resolved.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The word “adversary” does not refer to an enemy, but to a person with whom you are in conflict. **Matthew 5:25-26**

- ❖ This can be a creditor that loaned you money and wants their money returned.
- ❖ It can be a clash over a business deal that went sour.
- ❖ It can be a quarrel over personal property such as when someone dies and the survivors fight over the inheritance.

Jesus wants Christians to settle all disputes while we are still alive. Whatever is not settled on earth will be settled at the Judgment Seat of Christ. **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

There will be punishments meted out at the Judgment Seat of Christ for whatever you refused to settle on earth. If you have wronged a brother in Christ and defrauded him of money, it is not enough to simply ask God to forgive you, there must also be restitution as well. **2 Corinthians 5:10-11**

God will have angels present at the Judgment Seat of Christ referred to as “tormentors.” **Matthew 18:23-35**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?