

None of Us Were Good Enough

Matthew 5:17-20

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 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. 19 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. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Observations

1. Jesus “fulfills” all of the Old Testament in that it all _____.
2. Outward conformity to the law was empty without a genuine and authentic _____.
3. Luke 18:11-12 gives us a good description of the scribes and Pharisees.
 - They did not miss _____.
 - They practiced public and private _____.
 - They were _____ in eating and drinking.
 - They were _____ and _____.
 - They _____ the house of prayer.
 - They _____ and _____ the Scriptures.

4. By our definition of “righteousness” it would be hard to find anyone _____ than the scribes and Pharisees.
5. No one can make themselves _____ by obeying laws.

Application

1. Being “Good Enough” is _____ unless I can be re-made within, and this is what Jesus does for all who put their _____ and _____ in him.
2. A follower of Christ is not righteous because of _____ they have done, they are righteous because they are _____ by the supernatural grace of God.
3. Tim Keller’s reminder is helpful: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more _____ and _____ in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”
4. God’s _____ is _____.

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