



Fulfill the Law - 6/23/19

OVERVIEW

What better king could there be than a king who is omnipotent, just, fair, loving, all-knowing? Who better to set boundaries and guidelines for how to live? Jesus came into the world and offered us His kingdom, His gospel—but again and again we choose our own way and our own laws. Because of our human nature, it is crucial that we get back to the basics: the gospel Jesus preached.

Scriptures (NLT, unless otherwise noted): Matthew 1:14-15, 3:1-2, 5:3, 5:10, 5:17-20, 6:10; 7:21, Philippians 2:12-13, Revelation 11:15 (NASB), Colossians 1:13, Acts 1:3, Acts 28:30-31

APPLICATION

1. Would you describe yourself as a rule-follower or a rule-breaker? Explain why or why not.
2. When Woody describes Jesus establishing the law of the Kingdom of God, what comes to mind for you and what does it look like in today's culture?
3. Matthew 7:21 says those of us who "do the will" of the Father will enter heaven. Think about your life, and how you live it. How does this verse describes the importance of obedience for someone who wants to enter heaven?
4. Woody provided "gospels" that we might see in our culture that don't match God's Kingdom. Share which gospel most closely describes how you grew up or how you currently live.
 - a. Forgiveness—We only need God's forgiveness
 - b. The Left—The social gospel, or just helping people
 - c. Prosperity Gospel—Believers should be healthy and wealthy
 - d. Consumerism—God is here to fix your life
 - e. Entitlement—The gospel is all for me and about me
 - f. The Right—You should believe the right thing, and/or belong to the right political party
 - g. Gospel of the Kingdom—The Rule of God over all your life

HOMEWORK: This week, continue memorizing the beatitudes: Matthew 5:3-12.

