

Notes for Matthew 5: 17-20

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

Acts 10:34-35 - So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

Romans 2:11 - For God shows no partiality

1 Peter 1:20 - He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you

Kataluō (*kah-tah-LOO-oh*) is the Greek word Jesus used for “destroy”. This word means to take things apart, such as pulling an entire building down piece by piece

Plēroō (*play-ROH-oh*) Greek translated as “fulfill” means to fill something to the top, to complete something to the end, to the point where it is fully developed.

His lineage, birth, ministry, death, suffering, and His resurrection all fulfill prophecy. Just to fulfill 3 prophecies, such as being born in Bethlehem, having a forerunner (John) and being betrayed for 30 pieces of silver are astronomically high odds against chance.

Over 300 prophecies were fulfilled by Jesus Christ, with some estimates stating that 60 major prophecies and 270 minor ones were met!

After the Resurrection, in Luke 24:13-35, on the Road to Emmaus Jesus tells his disciples that everything written about Him in Moses and the Prophets had to be fulfilled.

Luke 24:44 - “Everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Matthew 4:4 - But he answered, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Isaiah 40:8 - The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Luke 16:17 - And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

Deuteronomy 4:2 - You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you.

Romans 6:15 - What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

In 1 Samuel 15 God commanded King Saul to follow through on one specific command. Saul partially obeyed, but didn’t really see the point in doing it all, and later, explained it away. That is what “relaxing” looks like. And that cost him, big time.

One of the changes the Holy Spirit makes in us is a desire to be better. As well as the ability to be better. Put another way, our Faith enables us to be more Holy and as our faith grows so does holiness

James 2:10 - For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

Dikaioσynē (*dik-eye-OH-SOO-nay*) – Greek for “righteousness”. It is a courtroom-and-covenant type of language which means being in alignment with God’s standard and living by His approval.

Perisseuo (*peh-riss-SYOO-oh*) Greek word in verse 20 that is translated “exceeds” means to overflow, to abound.

Romans 10:4 - For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes

Philippians 3:4-9 - though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,[a] blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith

Matthew 11:3 – For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Invite someone to church and give the Holy Spirit an opportunity to work on them!

They may come as a guest but leave as a member of the GCC family!

