

Nothing But Perfection Will Do

Matthew 5:17-20

“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. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Jesus did not come to destroy the Old Testament, but to fulfill it.

How did Jesus fulfill the Law?

Jesus obeys the Law perfectly.

Jesus proclaims the truth of the Law.

Jesus pays our penalty for breaking the Law.

James 2:10

Romans 6:23

God's standard for everyone is perfection.

Jeremiah 23:6

1 Corinthians 5:21