

Christ - the Lord of the Law

Matthew 5:19-24

I. Blessings of Kingdom Citizen (5:1-12)

A. Entrance into Kingdom Citizenship.

1. Happiness of Spiritual Poverty - Faith in Another's spiritual wealth (v. 3).
2. Happiness of Repentant Mourning - Calling for Another's spiritual rescue (v. 4).

B. Traits of Kingdom Citizens.

1. Requirement: Gentle / Result: Have Everything (v. 5 "Happy are the humble").
2. Righteous Seekers / Happy Ending: Satisfaction (v. 6 "Happy are the hungry").
3. Merciful / Happy Ending: Receive Mercy (v. 7 "Be happy; show mercy").
4. Pure / Happy Ending - See God (v. 8).
5. Peacemaker / Happy Ending - Called Sons of God (v. 9)

C. Resistance to Kingdom Citizenship (vv. 10-12).

II. Illustrations of Kingdom Citizens (5:13-16).

A. Kingdom Citizens are the salt of Society (5:13).

1. The Necessity of a Salty Christian (v. 13).
2. The worthlessness of a Saltless Christian (v. 13).

B. Kingdom Citizens are the Light of the Land (5:14-16).

1. Two Illustrations (v. 14-15).
2. The Application (v. 16).

III. The Law of Kingdom Citizens (7:17-20)

A. The King's Relationship to the Law (vv. 17-18).

1. The King and the Fulfillment of the Law (v. 17).

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.

- A Forbidden Consideration
- A Fantastic Claim

2. The King and the Permanence of the Law (v. 18).

18 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.

- The Word Will Not

- All Will Be Accomplished.

B. The Citizens Relationship to the Law (vv. 19-20).

19 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.

20 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.