

3. His death : bearing the penalty and curse of the law upon himself at Calvary.

v 18 - Luke 16:17 ; *jot* ~ dot of an "i" ; *tittle* ~ the line crossing through a "t" - Pr 30:5

- *till heaven and earth pass* :

**doctrinal:** 2 Peter 3:10-13 ; Rev 21:1

**historical:** All the O.T. writings regarding the Christ go beyond his first coming and include the time, manner, route and purpose of his Second Advent (e.g. Gen 49; Deu 32, 33; Ps 2, Isa 11, Eze 48...)

**spiritual:** The law will fulfilled by all believer's (Jew and Gentile) in the Millennium before heaven and earth pass away. Rom 3:28-31 Gal 6:2

v 19 *the great or the least* - Christ divides (Jn 7:43; Lk 12:51) into two groups

v 20 *righteousness exceed...the Pharisees*

**historical:** Phil 3:3-9

**doctrinal:** *Righteousness* comes only from God, who *is a Spirit* (Jn 4:24).

Both Old and New Testament righteousness is a spiritual gift of God imputed to those who believed His word *by faith*, Gen 15:6.

God gave His gift by grace (39x in OT; Gen 6:8; Ex 33:12; Jer 31:2).

**spiritual:** Romans 3:21-22

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#### A. The Law and Murder v 21 - 26

The Lord first addresses the sixth commandment: *Thou shalt not kill*, Exo 20:13.

Jesus teaches that all of God's written laws are wedded to spiritual truth.

Yes, the commandment prohibits the overt act of murder; but the Lord desires truth in the inward part, Ps 51:6.

Jesus shows anger, wrath and evil workings in the mind and heart incite the outer acts of throwing insults and fists.

God is a Spirit and He will judge the spirits of men.

In Christ's kingdom '*thou shalt not kill*' means '*thou shalt not hate*'. 1 John 3:15

He warns that them that the judgment of God extends beyond one's external deeds.

see - Job 42:2; Ps 139:2; Pr 24:9 & 30:32; Ecc 12:14

#### B. The Law and Adultery v 27 - 32

Jesus teaches that God's law is one of inward purity. God has given the blessing of marriage for the enjoyment of intimacy. God says "No" to sex the wrong way, that is outside of marriage, that he might say "Yes" to the right way, Hebrews 13:4. Sexual impurity begins in the lusts of the heart.