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Matthew 5:17

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.

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Matthew 4:17: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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Matthew 4:16: The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

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Matthew 4:23–25: ²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

2. A Single Law

Matthew 22:37–40: ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

2. A Single Law

Romans 5:5: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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James 2:8: If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

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Colossians 3:14: And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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Romans 13:8–10: ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

3. A New Heart

Romans 2:14–15: ¹⁴ For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them.

3. A New Heart

Jeremiah 17:9: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

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Romans 3:23: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

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2 Chronicles 36:13: King Zedekiah stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD, the God of Israel.

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Ezekiel 3:7: “All the house of Israel has a hard forehead and a stubborn heart.”

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Mark 3:5: And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart.

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Romans 2:5: But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself.

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Hebrews 4:7: Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.

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Ezekiel 36:26: And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

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Jeremiah 31:33: For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

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Jonathan Edwards: “Now by a hard heart is plainly meant an unaffected heart, or a heart not easy to be moved with virtuous affections, like a stone, insensible, unmoved, and hard to be impressed... But what is a tender heart but a heart which is easily impressed with what ought to affect it? We should have our hearts tender, and easily affected and moved in spiritual and divine things, as little children have in other things.”

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John 15:13: Greater love has no one than this,
that someone lay down his life for his friends.

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Philippians 2:3–5: ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

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1 Corinthians 13:4–7: ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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