

Take It from the Top

Matthew 5:17-21

"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. ¹⁸I tell you the truth, 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. ¹⁹Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same 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. ²⁰For 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. ²¹"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'

I. Absolute Authority

- A. Jesus taught that the _____ have absolute authority.

II Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

- Scripture is not a buffet that we _____ and _____ from.

B. Scripture finds its fulfillment in _____.

 - Scripture is _____ him, for him, and _____ him.
 - He _____ his coming, he _____ and he told men about it.
 - The _____ set the stage for the coming _____.

Romans 7:6-8

But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. ⁷What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet." ⁸But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire. For apart from law, sin is dead.

- C. Christ's _____ of scripture.

II Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

1. Jesus announces his _____.

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. ¹⁷The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, ²¹and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

2. Jesus _____ Satan.

Matthew 4:7-11

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

- We will never know the God of the Word until we know the _____ of _____.

II. Jesus Fulfilling the Scriptures

A. How did _____ fulfill the _____?

- Christ kept it _____.

I Peter 2:21-23

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

- Jesus satisfied forever the _____ of the _____.

Ultimately, Christ fulfilled the law by dying on the cross and cancelling the claims against all who would receive him as Savior.

I Peter 3:18

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

Hebrews 10:4

...because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Psalms 40:6

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced; burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

B. How did _____ fulfill the _____?

1. Prophecy of _____ over _____. (Genesis 3:15)
2. Prophecy of God sending his son as an _____ for _____. (Genesis 22:18 & Galatians 3:13-16)
3. Prophecy of _____. (Isaiah 53:5)
4. _____ of Christ. (Psalm 16:10)

From the beginning to the end, the purpose of the Bible is Jesus.

III. Jesus Filling a Life

- The Bible teaches a _____ vs. _____ righteousness.

Matthew 5:20

I Samuel 16:7

Philippians 3:4-9

IV. Anger Issues

- _____ is the embryo of _____.

Matthew 5:21-26

- You can't be _____ with God and _____ with your brother.