

Matthew 5:17-19, 38-39, 43-45

¹⁷“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

³⁸“You have heard that it was said, ‘AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.’ ³⁹But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

SERMON NOTES

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T. Don Guthrie, preaching

Was Jesus a Pacifist?

Matthew 5:17-45

“Open Carry” Law

John Piper Blog

Romans 12: 18 “never avenge yourselves”

1 Peter 3:9 “never repay evil for evil”

Old Testament passages

Genesis 9:6 – one who kills is to be killed

Exodus 22:2 – intruder killed entering your home – no guilt

“I did not come to abolish (the Law or the Prophets) but to fulfill.” v. 17

· **Bible is durable**

· **Bible is spiritual**

James 4:5 - Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”?

Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

· **Bible is sacrificial**

Revelation 19:13-15

He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

Romans 14:5

“Let every man be fully convinced in his own mind.”