**Lesson 3: Relationship Between OT and NT: How did Jesus Fulfill the law?**

**Devotional**

**Lesson 3: Similarity is Jesus**

**Note:** There were two types of the law: Moral and ceremonial.

Moral – like the 10 commandments, **divorce and marriage**, tithe, etc. They are eternal principles that really predates Moses (eg, Marriage) that have to do with the who God is and man’s condition.

* That’s why you see them repeated word for word in the NT.
  + Example: Ex. 20:12 – “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”
  + Eph. 6:1-3 – ““Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”
    - There is actually addition (May go well with you)…on earth.
  + Honor meaning – *“to regard with great respect or high esteem..” “something regarded as a rare opportunity and bringing pride and pleasure; a privilege.”*
  + Did Christ abolish or fulfill this law?
  + Prov. 30:17 – “The eye *that* mocks *his* father, and scorns obedience to *his* mother,  
    The ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it.”

Matt. 22:46-40 – “**36**“Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?”

**37**Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ **38**This is *the* first and great commandment. **39**And *the* second *is* like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40**On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

**Ceremonial Law – or Statutes**

* Had mainly to do with the temple: sacrifices, feasts, sabbaths, uncleanliness, clothing, etc.
* Ceremonial laws were given because man failed in obeying the moral law.
* Fulfilled and abolished in/through Christ.
  + The curtain of the temple in the Most Holy Place

**Col. 2:14-17** – “having wiped out the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Col.+2%3A14-17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29509a)]handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. **15**Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

**16**So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Col.+2%3A14-17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29511b)]festival or a new moon or sabbaths, **17**which **are a shadow of things to come, but the [**[**c**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Col.+2%3A14-17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29512c)**]substance is of Christ**.

* These laws were fulfilled by Christ and abolished.

**But How Did Christ Fulfill the Moral Law?**

* The law creates awareness of sin…failure.
  + All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God…
  + No one is righteous, no, not even one…
  + For the wages of sin is death…but the gift of God is eternal life…

1. **Penalty of sin** – Death: By dying on the cross he paid the penalty of sin (The wages of sin is death) to everyone who believes in him.

Romans 3:21-23.

**21**But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, **22**even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rom+3%3A20+-28&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28014a)]and on all who believe. For there is no difference; **23**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24**being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

* + Justified – Courtroom word that means declared righteous, as if you had never sinned. You are not innocent but righteous.

1. **Power over Sin** - Because his death and resurrection, we have received the promise of the Father, the indwelling Holy Spirit…

Rom. 8:1-4

*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rom+8%3A1-4&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28118a)] do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. **2**For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. **3**For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, **4**that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who **do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”**

**1Cor. 6:9**

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians%206&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28477b)]homosexuals, nor [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians%206&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28477c)]sodomites, **10**nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **11**And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

1. **Presence of Sin**

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. **29**For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30**Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and **whom He justified, these He also glorified**.

So…Christ fulfilled God’s moral law in you who believe…by dying on the cross to pay for the penalty, giving you his Spirit to give you power to become a child of God (Jn. 1:12), and glorifying you.

* Wages of sin is death…Death means separation but His work on the cross gives life, not death.
* Remember: Rom 3:20 – Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.
* And the wages of sin is DEATH – Separation.

And all this is for the one **who believes!**