



## Sermon Notes: GIVE YOUR HEART TO JESUS!

**Key Scripture: Matthew 5:17-48**

**Major Theme of These 21 Verses**

**JESUS WANTS YOUR HEART!**

He's not just looking for people who know the right things; that's the scribes. He's not just looking for people who do the right things; that's the Pharisees. He's looking for people who'll follow Him. Not just in your mind. Not just with your Body. But with all of your heart, mind, soul, and strength.

**Rather than giving Jesus our heart we often go to 1 of 2 extremes.**

1. We are like the religious leaders (**Legalists**) As Legalists, we don't really ~~wanna~~ change our heart. We say, "Hey, just tell me what to do and I'll do it." And then when I do what you told me to do I can feel like I did what I was supposed to do and even if my heart's in the wrong place I can throw it back in your face and feel justified. (Luke 10:25-29)

**Or**

2. We become indifferent to our sin (**Licentious**). This is those who believe that because Jesus fulfilled the Law, that now we don't have to follow the Law. And that leads to indifference towards sin, or a LICENSE TO SIN.

**Jesus fulfilled the law, but didn't do away with the law, so do we have to follow the Law?**

People disagree over what this means, but the traditional belief here is that there's a difference between the Jewish ceremonial law and the moral law, which is usually thought of as the 10 commandments. With the coming of Jesus, we're no longer bound to the laws that required a sacrifice for our sin, but that doesn't mean that Jesus did away with Laws given by God to Moses. Although these Laws aren't what save us, they lead us towards what pleases God and freedom from sin practically speaking here on earth.

## How can our righteousness exceed that of the Pharisees?

And the only way to exceed the righteousness of those couldn't follow the law perfectly... is to have faith in the one who did.

To have faith in the one the law pointed to. To have faith in the one who fulfilled the Law. And to have faith in the one who paid the price for every single person who ever existed that failed to keep the law...which is literally everyone.

### Final Thoughts:

When Jesus says I want your heart. He's not saying I need your heart...He's saying I want your heart because I ~~wanna~~ give you Mine. I want your heart because you can't do it, but I already did. I want your heart because I gave My life for you, Will you give yours for me?

### Application:

1. Give your heart to Jesus. (For the 1st time. Return to your first love).
2. Read this article link in [your](https://www.gotquestions.org/ceremonial-law.html) to learn more about the difference between ceremonial and moral law. <https://www.gotquestions.org/ceremonial-law.html>
3. Ask the Lord in Prayer: What areas of my heart have I not given to You?