

## Exceeding Righteousness Matthew 5:17-20

### Gospel Of The Kingdom

Move into the meat of the Sermon on the mount  
Began with blessing for those who belong to the kingdom  
Spoke of the influence and responsibility that comes with citizenship  
Jesus prepared audience for core message with assurance he would fulfill, not destroy the Law.  
Now he will give instruction regarding what it means to keep the law

### All Of The Law Must Be Obeyed

Ignoring even a small part of the law will condemn - **James 2:10-11**

Must Exceed false righteousness

Must move beyond outward focus on noticeable actions

It is more than just what we say - **Matthew 23:1-4**

It is more than how we look/It is more than our actions - **Matthew 23:5-7**

It is not seeking a name for myself - **Matthew 23:8-12**

It is not making service hard - **Matthew 23:13-15**

It is not how much or what we devote to service - **Matthew 23:16-22**

It is not just getting the little/big things right - **Matthew 23:23-24**

It is not just the outside - **Matthew 23:25-31**

It is certainly not about riches - **Luke 16:13-15**

### Exceeding Righteousness

This deals with attitude and action

Scribes & Pharisees excelled in making sure others saw what they did for God.

It is leaving the world - **Colossians 3:1-3; Matthew 6:24; 1Timothy 6:9-10; 1John 2:15-17**

It is transformation - **Romans 12:1-2**

It is Christ in me - **Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:21-23; 2:6-7; 3:1-4**

It is compassion/love for others

Love conquers all - **1Corinthians 13:1-8**

It is living our faith - **James 2:14-17; 1John 2:4-6; 3:18**

It is doing ALL the Will of God - **Matthew 28:20; John 8:31-32; 2John 9**

### Citizenship Is A Commitment

To excel with God

His strength makes possible such righteousness - **Philippians 4:13**

His mercy provides forgiveness - **1John 1:9**

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