

# Why Only Jesus Can Save—His Keeping of the Law | Matthew 5:18-20

*We especially encourage you to use your own Bible during the sermon and highly recommend a Study Bible (Ryrie and MacArthur are especially recommended). Pastor Stephen preaches from the ESV. Additionally, if you are looking for a good Bible app, we recommend the Literal Word app, or the Logos Bible or Olive Tree apps.*

Introduction:

BIG IDEA: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Keeping the Requirements of the Law was \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament
  - A. God promised \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to those who kept His Law
  - B. God promised \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to those who broke His Law
  
2. The Requirements of the Law \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Under Christ
  - A. The New Testament does not \_\_\_\_\_ the Old Testament
  - B. Complete \_\_\_\_\_ is Always the Requirement for Salvation
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ is Under the Curse of the Law
  
3. Christ Has \_\_\_\_\_ the Requirements of the Law
  - A. Jesus fulfilled the \_\_\_\_\_ requirements of the Law:
  - B. Jesus fulfilled the \_\_\_\_\_ requirements of the Law:
  - C. Jesus fulfilled the \_\_\_\_\_ requirements of the Law:
  
4. Christ's Fulfillment of the Law is Required for \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. God \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's Fulfillment of the Law to \_\_\_\_\_ by His Grace
  - B. Christ's Fulfillment of the \_\_\_\_\_ Can Only be Received by \_\_\_\_\_

## How Do I Become a Christian?

Do you know for sure that you're a Christian? Being a Christian is more than just going to church or doing good deeds (although that's fruit of true Christianity). It means being a born-again follower of Jesus Christ by faith alone. This occurs in three steps:

1. Recognizing that you're a sinner, one who cannot earn a place in Heaven based on your own good deeds. Having fallen short of God's Holy standard, you deserve judgment: death and eternity in Hell (Rom. 3:23; Ps. 53:5; Rom. 6:23; Lk. 12:4-5).
2. Acknowledging that God graciously loved you by sending His Son Jesus Christ—God in human flesh—to fulfill His Holy Law on your behalf and die a sinner's death on your behalf, rising on the third day (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Rom. 8:32; 1 John 4:9-10).
3. Trusting Christ alone for your salvation by repenting from your life of sin and following Him as both Savior and Master of your life. If you believe this in your heart and confess this to God with your mouth, you will be saved (Rom. 10:9; Matt. 16:23-26).