

# Don't waste your life trying to be religious

Matthew 5:17-20

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.<sup>1</sup>

## ☐ The Scriptures point to Jesus (17-18)

- Christ fulfills the Scriptures (17)
- Even the smallest details are important (18)

## ☐ We will be judged by how we respond to the Scriptures (19)

## ☐ Being religious is not enough to get into heaven (20)

*Rather than wasting our lives trying to be religious,  
we should believe and obey what the Scriptures say about Jesus.*

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: New International Version*. electronic ed. Grand Rapids : Zondervan, 1996, c1984