

**JESUS AND THE LAW**  
**JESUS UNFILTERED – PART 2**  
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**Matthew 5:17-20**

**THE MEANING OF “LAW”**

The word most often translated as “law” in the OT, used over 200 times is the word “Torah”

**Two Types of law**

1. **Categorical laws- like the Ten Commandments**
2. **Case laws- deal with a very specific situation.**

**Point: JESUS CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW!!**

*“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.” Matthew 5:17 (NIV)*

*“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.”  
Matthew 5:20 (NIV)*

*“I take joy in doing Your will, my God, for Your law is written on my heart.”  
Psalm 40:8 (NLT)*

**THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW**

**1. SHOWS US OUR NEED FOR CHRIST.**

*“Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.” Galatians 3:24 (KJV)*

*“Now do you see it? No one can ever be made right in God's sight by doing what the law commands. For the more we know of God's laws, the clearer it becomes that we aren't obeying them; His laws serve only to make us see that we are sinners.” Romans 3:20-21 (LB)*

**2. STOPS ANY THOUGHT OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

*“Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.” Romans 3:19 (NIV)*

*“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.” James 2:10 (NIV)*

*“But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:8 (NLT)*

*“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes...” Romans 1:16 (NLT)*