

**THE LAW, THE CROSS, AND GRACE**  
**MATTHEW 5:17-20**  
**4-21-24**

**KEY THOUGHT:** The *Law* points to the grace of the cross in three ways.

**I. The Law Cannot Save Us, but it Does Reveal Our Need for Salvation-(17)**

*"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."*

**Jesus alone lived and perfectly obedient life and gave us the ultimate sacrifice for our sins.**

**II. The Law has a Permanent Place in the Kingdom because Righteousness is Necessary for Salvation-(18-19)**

**A. The Law will Remain Forever-(18)**

*"...not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law."*

**B. The Standard of the Law is Binding Forever-(19)**

*"Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom..."*

**III. The Law Demands the Perfection of a Life that Goes to the Heart-(20)**

*"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."*