

Jesus and the Fulfillment of the Law

Selected Scriptures

1. Jesus Proclaimed to Have Come to Fulfill the Law (Mt. 5:17)
One of the most well-known ideas in the New Testament by people familiar with Christianity is “love your neighbor”. How does Jesus’ fulfilling the Law relate to this reality? (see Lev. 19:18; Mk. 12:28-34; Gal. 2:16)

2. Jesus is the Fulfillment of Promised Rest (Ex. 20:8-11)
One of the important features of the promised land for Israel was that they would be at rest and enjoy the benefits of the land without having put in the work to earn it (Dt. 6:10ff). How was it that the promised rest remained unfulfilled in the land but is now fulfilled in Jesus Christ? (see Mk. 2:27; Heb.. 4:1-11; cf. Mt. 10:28)

3. Jesus is the Fulfillment of the Levitical System
God instituted a religious and sacrificial system whereby all people, particularly Israel, would be able to worship Him and understand Him.
 - A. High Priest (Heb. 4:14; 7:25-28)
 - B. Sacrificial Offerings (Heb. 9:11-14; 10:19-24)
 - I. Burnt Offering (Lk. 22:42)
 - II. Sin Offering (cf. 1 Jn. 2:1-2)
 - III. Guilt Offering (Isa. 53:10)
 - IV. Peace Offering
 - a. Between Man and Man (Eph. 2:14)
 - b. Between Man and God (Rom. 5:1)

4. Jesus is the Fulfillment of the Passover Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7)
The meal of the Passover was pivotal to the Jewish identity. It was the first nationwide act of sacrificial and worshipful obedience to God which led to their immediate and manifest salvation (Ex. 12:29-32). What is the important point that Paul is making by referring to Jesus Christ as our Passover lamb? (see also Ex. 12:14-15).