

“Ignorance of the Law is No Excuse” Matthew 5:13-24

Many of the things that we see in this crash course taught by Jesus are relevant to the Church Age and other things are quite different due to the fact that the Jewish people are dealing with the Mosaic law and living under it at the time of the Sermon on the Mount.

Our effect on society is measured by the witness of our lives and our lips for Jesus Christ because that's when our impact on society is one of divine viewpoint.

As believers in Jesus Christ out of abiding fellowship with Him or as believers in Jesus Christ who are ignorant of the Word of God, what are we good for in the Christian life? Nothing!

The moment a believer gets out of experiential fellowship without an instant recovery, he receives God's loving gracious discipline.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Light of the world but now He's absent from the earth and every believer is an ambassador for Him and as ambassadors for the King, we are representing Him as the Light of the world.

So, the call is for us not to contribute to the world's darkness by adding more darkness which means don't make an issue out of the things of this life, make an issue out of Jesus Christ; that's what we're here for!

If we're led by the Holy Spirit, we imitate God (Ephesians 5:1) but if we're led by our sinful nature, we imitate unbelievers.

The law has a purpose but it must be kept within its design for the Age in which we live.

But the present purpose of the law has been modified to conform to the Church Age because it teaches that man is a sinner and therefore, he desperately needs a Savior.

All of the time that the law was in operation, it was merely a shadow because it had no reality in itself.

A shadow indicates the presence of reality behind it.

Remember Codex #1 proves to man that he is a sinner, spiritually bankrupt, so he needs a Savior.

Religious legalism is the greatest manifestation of pride so a proud look of legalism is completely antagonistic to grace.

A religious nation is a breeding ground for self-righteousness, the greatest enemy of grace.

The most vicious type of murder is that of mental attitude anger and hatred and according to the Lord Jesus, when we're angry at someone without a just cause or we hate someone, that is murder!

Worship is meaningless for a believer who's out of experiential fellowship with God.

A gathering together of believers, who are led by the Holy Spirit, fulfilling the principle of assembly worship, has fantastic impact for the Lord Jesus!