

**From Matthew 5:** <sup>33</sup>“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; <sup>35</sup>nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.”<sup>38</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup>But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. <sup>40</sup>If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have *your* cloak also. <sup>41</sup>And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. <sup>42</sup>Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.”

**Sunday: Which of the commandments deals with swearing? Please continue to pray** for more men to be raised up to come to the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (RPTS) to train for pastoral ministry and fill the many empty pulpits within the RPCNA and other faithful churches. **Pray** for King Charles III of the United Kingdom, that he would honor Jesus Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

**Monday: Is Jesus prohibiting any taking of an oath? Why or why not? Pray** for revival in Evangelical (Toronto, Ont.) RPC, throughout their presbytery, and across the length and breadth of Canada. **Pray** for Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) RPC, that a pastor could soon be called and installed there. **Pray** for Columbus, Ind., RPC, pastored by Joel Hart.

**Tuesday: Does God swear? (See Hebrews 6:16-18.) Pray** for wisdom for the elders and deacons at Grace (State College, Pa.) RPC as they seek to shepherd and care for the members of their flock. **Pray** for Glasgow (Scotland) RPC in its need for a pastor.

**Wednesday: Did Jesus swear? Please pray** for men to be ready to take up the offices of elder and deacon at Stillwater, Okla., RPC. **Pray** for the young adult discipleship group at Frankston (Australia) RPC. **Pray** for Birmingham (Ala.) RPC. **Pray** for the meeting of the Atlanta Commission tomorrow night. **Pray** for Clarinda, Iowa, RPC.

**Thursday: Should we be known by whether we keep our word? How good are you at doing so? Pray** for wisdom for the development for First (Durham, N.C.) RPC’s church planting efforts in south Wake County, N.C. **Pray** for our brothers and sisters in China, that they would be protected from governmental tyranny and heresy.

**Friday: Does v. 39 mean that we’re never to defend ourselves, but allow folks to beat us up? If not, then what does it mean? Pray** for the covenant children of Treasure Valley (Meridian, Idaho) RPC, being far apart from other RP youth, to be built up in their faith. **Pray** for the budding group in the Blairsville, Ga., area that desires a Reformed Presbyterian congregation there. **Pray** for Westminster (Prairie View, Ill.) RPC would be encouraged; **pray** for its new pastor, Joshua Smith.

**Saturday: Jesus is here teaching us to have a gracious attitude toward others, including those who would misuse us. How well are you doing that? Please pray** with OKC (Oklahoma City, Okla.) RPC that the Lord would bless His church with peace, purity, unity, and progress. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow, that many would attend and that hearts would be touched through the ministry of the word.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day  
May 14, 2023*

Meeting every week at  
574 Western Avenue  
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Worship at 3:30 PM

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## Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalms 135:1

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 40C

“O Lord My God”

Scripture Reading

I John 3

\*Psalm 17B

“On You, O God, My Soul Has Called”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 119T

“I Cried with My Heart; O Jehovah, Give Ear”

Scripture Text

Romans 8:1-14

The Sermon

“The Fulfillment of the Law”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 119G

“Unto Me the Word Remember”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 119M

“O How I Love Thy Law, It Is My Study All the Day”

\* *Congregation will please stand.*

*We are so glad that you could join us today!* Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

### Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

**“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.”—Psalm 19:7.**

**“Then I said, ‘Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart.’”—Psalm 40:7-8.**

**“Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.”—Psalm 119:11.**

**“O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day.”—Psalm 119:97.**

**“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”—Psalm 119:105.**

Q. 39. *What is the duty which God requireth of man?* A. The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to his revealed will.

Q. 40. *What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?* A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

Q. 41. *Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?* A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

***For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.***

Paul shows that the law teaches about Christ fulfilling the law, and about the law’s fulfillment in the believer.

I. Christ’s Fulfilling of the Law

A. Its necessity: the impotence and weakness of the law

B. The provision of Christ

1. The Provider—God the Father

2. The One provided: “His own Son”

3. The purpose: “and for sin”

4. The effect: “condemned sin in the flesh”

a. This refers to declaring sin to be evil

b. Also, a reference to the overthrow of sin and its power

c. How did this occur?

(1) Jesus fulfilled all righteousness

(2) . . . by keeping the law

(3) . . . and by suffering its curse

II. The Law’s Fulfillment in the Believer

A. The fact

1. “ordinance of the law”

2. “might be fulfilled”

a. We are to **keep** the law—this is God’s purpose for us

b. The law **teaches** us how to live

B. The motivation/power

1. “who walk not according to the flesh”

2. “but according to the Spirit”

Application:

A. Are you seeking to have the law fulfilled in you?

B. Are you doing so because of gratitude to the Triune God?

1. Father who sent the Son and condemned sin in the flesh
2. Son who came because of sin and suffered the law's curse
3. The Spirit who enables us to carry out the law