The Christian and the Law
Matthew 5:17-20

Main Point:
Jesus kept the Law for you, so that you can keep the Law for Him.

1. Even as a Christian, you are to obey the moral law of God.

2. Your obedience to the moral law of God is to be both outward and inward.

3. Jesus kept the Law for you, so that you can keep the Law for Him.

Quotations and Cross-References

Romans 3:31 31 Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law. (NKJV)

WCF 19.5 The moral law doth forever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof … Neither doth Christ, in the Gospel, any way dissolve, but much strengthen this obligation.

J.C. Ryle "Let us beware of despising the law of the 10 Commandments. Let us not suppose for a moment that it is set aside by the gospel, or that Christians have nothing to do with it … Let us beware of supposing that the gospel has lowered the standard of personal holiness, and that the Christian is not intended to be as strict and particular about his daily life as the Jew."

R.T. France (I've added to his words) "To enter the kingdom of heaven does not mean to go to a place called heaven (though the eternal life of heaven will be its expected outcome …), but to come under [Christ's] … rule, to become one of those who recognize [and submit to] his kingship and … [who receive all of His gracious blessings]."

Galatians 4:4-5 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. (NKJV)

Romans 8:3-4 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. (NKJV)

John 14:21a 21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me … (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle "The Christian who is content with a low standard of personal holiness has got much to learn."