

How can we follow the law of love?

Jesus didn't leave us without _____.

Jesus' death and resurrection doesn't just forgive our sin, but _____ us to love others.



NEW LAW

The Story So Far:

- The universe is the intentional act of a loving creator.
- God created humans "in his image" to care for and order the world toward flourishing.
- From the time of Adam and Eve, we all declare independence from God.
- This results in broken relationship with God and each other.
- God promises to bless the nations through Abraham's descendants. We see a clear relationship between faith and blessing.
- God gives Israel (Abraham's descendants) the Law which shows God's love, provides God's wisdom, and illustrates our need for holiness.
- Israel breaks the Law and is sent into Exile, but God promises a new King that will restore peace and bring justice to Israel.
- That king is Jesus, who comes to set up his Kingdom.

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20, 22:34-40

The point of the Law of Moses was to shape his people into a nation that _____ God to the world.

God promised to send them a new _____ who set up a new _____ with a new _____.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.” (Jeremiah 31:33)

The Old and New Law:

Jesus taught this sermon on a mountainside.

Moses gave the law on a _____.

Jesus’ family went to Egypt to escape persecution.

Jacob’s family went to _____ to escape famine.

After Jesus baptism, he went into the wilderness.

After Israel came out of the Red Sea, they went into the _____.

He stayed there 40 days and nights.

Israel was in the wilderness for _____ years.

There were 12 disciples.

There were _____ tribes of Israel.

The purpose of the Sermon on the Mount is to shape his followers to be people that bring _____ to God. (Mt 5:13-16)

“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.” (Mt 5:20)

Is entering the Kingdom easy or hard? _____

- It’s _____ because it’s available to anyone.
- It’s _____ because it requires a change of heart.

How can righteousness “surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees?”

When laws are applied according to the principle of _____. (Mt 22:34-40)

“Whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.” (Romans 13:8)

To love is to always _____ and _____ what is _____ for others.

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” (5:44)

Why do we need ANY laws?

1. We don’t always _____ what is best (loving).
2. We often overestimate our own _____.