

How can we have the right stuff to enter the kingdom of heaven? Matthew 5:17-20

Jesus has the right stuff. V. 17

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;

I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Micah 5:2; Isaiah 53; Luke 24:25-27; Galatians 3:13; John 1:29

The Old Testament _____ the right stuff. V. 18

I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of the pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

We _____ the right stuff. V. 19

Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

The right stuff _____ us into _____. V. 20

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.

Real righteousness surpasses Religious righteousness

_____ in our inward parts keeping rules and rituals _____

_____ obedience _____ obedience

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F _____ expressing l _____

_____ expressing e _____

Seeks to honor _____

Seeks to honor _____

Empowered by the _____

energized by _____

F _____

U _____

_____ the kingdom of heaven

cannot _____ the kingdom of heaven

Good News! Jesus came to give us His surpassing righteousness!

I _____ righteousness-Jesus Christ represents the righteousness of God, and the believer becomes what Christ is at the moment of believing.

2 Corinthians 5:21 “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

I _____ righteousness-the righteous conduct that is possible and expected in each believer because the indwelling Holy Spirit empower us. This righteousness is not produced by the believer, but in him.

“For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. **Romans 8:3, 4**

Next Sunday: “If looks could kill, I would.....” Matthew 5:21-26