



## Word on Wednesday Bible Study

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### LIVING OUT GOD'S LAW

#### *Matthew 5:17-20*

*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. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly 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. 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.*

We just celebrated Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday—remembering the cross, the grave, and the risen Savior. On Good Friday, we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice, His suffering, and His final words on the cross. On Resurrection Sunday, we rejoice that He rose with all power in His hands and now sits at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us. We celebrate the victory, the salvation, and the promise of eternal life.

But in Matthew 5:17–20, Jesus makes something clear we cannot overlook: He didn't come just to die for us—He came to show us how to live. The cross saves us, but His life teaches us. And sometimes, in celebrating what He did for us, we can miss what He is calling us to become.

Jesus calls us to more than belief—He calls us to transformation. He calls us to live out God's Law, not as a burden, but as a reflection of a changed heart.

#### **So, what does that look like?**

1. Jesus wants us to think correctly
2. Jesus wants us to listen to him, for he is the truth and the life
3. Jesus wants us to know that Greatness is found in Obedience
4. Jesus wants us to live right, not just do right. Not just look right, act right, be right, but live right



**SAINT PAUL**  
CHURCH

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