



One Step Further

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*"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to **destroy**, but to **fulfill**."*

It was a Spiritual **UPGRADING** that Jesus sought, not an **OVERTHROW**

The call of Jesus is, and has always been, to simply go:

ONE STEP FURTHER



A Moral Play

GOOD

EVIL

CHRIST

PHARISEES

FAITH

LAW



What God wants from us



- People who live in obedience to **LAWS** think that **NOT SINNING** is what God wants from them
- People who live by **FAITH** realize that **DOING GOOD** is what God really desires

The Fundamental Principle

- The Fundamental Principle that Jesus taught is that **FAITH** is all about going **ONE STEP FURTHER** than the **LAW** requires
- **NOT SINNING** is **NOT** the opposite of **SINNING**
- **DOING GOOD** is the **OPPOSITE** of **SINNING**



The Spectrum of Life



**CLEARLY
SINFUL**

**NOT
SINFUL**

***ONE STEP
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***THOU SHALT LOVE THY
NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF!***

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*"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."*

The Fundamental Principle of **ONE STEP FURTHER** isn't intended to **DESTROY** our need to obey the Law!

Those who live by **FAITH** are **NOT** free to flaunt the rules of **RIGHT** and **WRONG**



A HIGHER Calling!



- Your righteousness needs to **EXCEED** that of the Pharisees
- The Fundamental Principle of Salvation by Grace is **NOT** a license to laziness, sinfulness or carelessness!
- We are called to live lives of righteousness that are driven by the **thanks and gratitude** that comes from having our sins forgiven!

A Change in Focus



- Moses' Law was based on **ACTIONS**
- Christ's Law is based on **THOUGHTS**
- We are counted as righteous and blessed with salvation not based on what we have **DONE**, but on what we have **THOUGHT**

A Change in Focus



- You can **DO GOOD** things, even if you have **WRONG THOUGHTS**
- If you have **RIGHT THOUGHTS**, you can't help but **DO GOOD**
- Christ moves the focus from our **ACTIONS** to our **THOUGHTS**

A HIGHER Calling!

Fulfill = *PLEROO* = To make replete

Replete = Plentifully supplied or abounding

We are called to **ABOUND**



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