

# Every Stroke Inspired: Embracing Jesus' High View of Scripture (Pt. 4)

## *Matthew 5:17-20*

### I. Affirm Jesus' Relationship to Scripture (17)

A. He Did Not Come to *Abolish* the OT (17a)

B. He Came to *Fulfill* the OT (17b)

1. He perfectly explained its meaning in His teaching (21-48)
2. He perfectly obeyed its commands in His life (Mt. 3:15; Jn. 8:46; 15:10; Gal. 4:4-5)
3. He perfectly embodied its message in His Person
  - a. Its prophecies (11:7-15)
  - b. Its ceremonies & sacrificial system (Lk. 24:27, 44; Jn. 5:39; Col. 2:16-17; Heb. 10:1-12)

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- II. Adopt Jesus' View of Scripture (18)
  - A. Its Permanent Authority – "until heaven and earth pass away"
  - B. Its Verbal Inspiration – "not the smallest letter or stroke"
  - C. Its Plenary Inspiration – "until all"
  - D. Its Complete Inerrancy – "all is accomplished"
  - E. Its Careful Preservation – "not the smallest letter or stroke"

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# The NT on the OT Law

1. Believers are no longer required to obey the OT ceremonial laws (Mk. 7:19; Col. 2:16-17; Heb. 10:9-10).
2. The overarching responsibility for civil law has been transferred to the government of each nation (Rom. 13:1-5).
3. The moral aspects of the OT law—summarized in the 10 Commandments—are still required of all people, believers and unbelievers (Mt. 5:21ff; Eph. 6:1-3; Jam. 2:8-13).

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  - b. "Whoever...teaches others to do the same."
3. His Spiritual Condition—*"called least"*

#### B. The Honorable Disciple (19b)

1. His Spiritual Status—*"in the kingdom"*
2. His Treatment of Scripture—*"keeps and teaches"*
3. His Spiritual Condition—*"called great"*

# Common Ways Christians Downplay God's Word

1. Trusting another authority more than Scripture
2. Elevating personal experience over Scripture
3. Emphasizing personal revelation over Scripture
4. Abusing Scripture in corporate worship
5. Neglecting Scripture for personal activities
6. Reinterpreting Scripture to fit popular cultural ideas
7. Undermining its authority in the lives of believers.
8. Failing to obey Scripture's commands