

POINT OF GRACE

We are currently in the third week of our summer series giving emphasis to His grace in and on our lives... today we answer the question, "Whose righteousness?"

Matthew 5:17 – 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. (NIV)

Philippians 3:4-6 – If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ...a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. (NIV)

Matthew 5:21-22 – "You have heard that the Law of Moses says, 'Do not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.'... ²² **But I say**, if you are angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the high council. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. (NLT)

Matthew 5:27-28 – "You have heard that the Law of Moses says, 'Do not commit adultery.' ²⁸ **But I say**, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eye has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (NLT)

Mark 10:26... The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

Matthew 5:31-32 – "You have heard that the law of Moses says, 'A man can divorce his wife by merely giving her a letter of divorce.' ³² **But I say** that a man who divorces his wife, unless she has been unfaithful, causes her to commit adultery. And anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. (NLT)

Matthew 5:33-34 – "Again, you have heard that the law of Moses says, 'Do not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.'...³⁴ **But I say**, don't make any vows! (NLT)

Matthew 5:38-41 – "You have heard that the law of Moses says, 'If an eye is injured, injure the eye of the person who did it. If a tooth gets knocked out, knock out the tooth of the person who did it.'³⁹ **But I say**, don't resist an evil person! If you are slapped on the right cheek, turn the other, too.⁴⁰ If you are ordered to court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too.⁴¹ If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles... (NLT)

Matthew 5:43-44 – "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and **pray** for those who persecute you... (NLT)

Matthew 5:48 – **Be perfect**, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (NIV)

How is this even remotely possible?

What Jesus is saying is... we need a new platform for righteousness

John 1:17 – For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (NKJV)

Philippians 3:9-10 – ...not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. (NIV)

Jesus is our new platform for righteousness.... **Jesus>Everything**

Matthew 11:28-29 – "**Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion?** Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest.²⁹ Walk with me and work with me — watch how I do it. **Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.** (MSG)