

# Jesus Christ “Fulfil” The Law And Prophets – Matthew 5:17

**Matthew 5:17** [NIV] *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfil** them.”*

What does the words law and prophets include that Christ will fulfil?

**Exodus 34:28** [NIV] *“Moses was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the **words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.**”*

The Ten Commandments and the Covenant linked.

**Deuteronomy 4:13** [NIV] *“He declared to you **his covenant, the Ten Commandments,** which he commanded you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets.”*

**The Covenant and the Ten Commandments linked.**

**The Ten Commandments, including the keeping of the Sabbaths, weekly and annual, were the very heart of the Old Covenant given through Moses.**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34** [NIV] *“The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. **“This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after that time,”** declares the LORD. **“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.** I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. **“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”***

A New Covenant was prophesied by God.

**Hebrews 8:6-12** [NIV] *“But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises. **For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. But God found fault with the people** and said: **“The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers** when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. **This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts.** I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”*

**A new covenant was needed because the Old Covenant failed due to the weakness of the people.**

**Galatians 3:15-17** [NIV] *“Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no-one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. **The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed.** The Scripture does not say “and to seeds”, meaning many people, but “and to your seed”, meaning one person, who is Christ. What I mean is*

*this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise.”*

**A promise covenant given to Abraham based on faith is not set aside by laws given to Moses, as part of a Covenant God made the nation Israel.**

**The basis of the New Covenant that Jesus Christ came to reveal is like that made with Abraham, dependent on faith in what Jesus Christ has done for us, that we could never accomplish.**

**Ephesians 2:8-9** [NIV] *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no-one can boast.”*

**No religious rituals or law keeping will ever earn us salvations.**

**Ephesians 2:10** [NIV] *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

**These “works” are what we do out of gratitude for what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.**

**Romans 12:1** [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship.”*

**We lay down our lives for God to use how He wishes in serving others.**

**This is how we worship [show our gratitude to] the God who saves us from eternal death.**

Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, was the only human being to ever perfectly keep the Law given to Moses for the nation of Israel.

Jesus Christ also fulfilled all that was prophesied the Messiah [Saviour] would do and accomplish.

**Matthew 22:35-40** [NIV] *“One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ‘Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’ Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

When we, through the active indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our lives, come to love God and our neighbour, the Holy Spirit that is given to those who obey God, [**Acts 5:32**].

Jesus Christ in us is again keeping all the Law and what the prophets foretold in and through us as individuals, by the active presence of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, [**Romans 8:9**].

**This brings to fulfilment the Old Covenant with its sacrificial rituals.**

**Greek word translated “fulfil” is “plērōō” meaning fully know, accomplish, complete.**

**The Greek word translated “abolish” is “kataluō” meaning disintegrate, break up, dissolve.**

**The Ten Commandments are eternal, including the keeping of the Sabbath Day, which many religious people would like to dissolve, not include in the other nine commandments.**

Obedience and submission to the words of Jesus Christ and acceptance in faith what He has done for us replaces our own efforts to obey a set of laws that will never bring us salvation, the same faith in God that Abraham had.

[Please download and study the following articles on this website: *'What Day Is God's Sabbath Day?'*, *'The Sabbath To Sunday Change'*, *'God Ordained Christian Festivals And Holy Days'*, all listed under the main heading *'Covenants'*.]