



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 8th, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Cody Wallace
- Hymn "Speak, O Lord"
- Hymn "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"
- The Reading of the Word — *Psalm 133:1-3* Hal Pritchard
- Hymn "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"Did Not Come to Destroy the Law" (Matthew 5:17-19)* Pastor Winn
- Hymn "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"
- Parent Commitment
- The Benediction Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn "As the Deer Pants"
- Hymn "We Will Glorify"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"Miscellaneous Laws" (Ezek 46:16-24)* Hal Pritchard
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "I Know Whom I Have Believed"
- The Benediction
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

We come today to one of Jesus' most complex teachings as it discusses the life and role of the old covenant Law. This is a much-debated topic, and thus we will carefully draw conclusions that accord well with the entirety of Scripture. Jesus discusses the Mosaic law at this point in the Sermon on the Mount to prevent His disciples from misunderstanding the teaching that follows. Our Lord is about to correct the interpretations of the Pharisees (Matt. 5:21-48), who are beloved by the common man. The people equate these traditions with the Law itself, and to correct them is to violate God's Word in the eyes of the people unless Christ makes His intention clear beforehand. Verses 17-20 tell us that breaking our Father's commands is far from Jesus' mind. His work is not "to abolish the Law or the Prophets...but to fulfill them" (v. 17). The Messiah's coming does not render the Old Testament obsolete. "To fulfill" is not to dissolve the authority and application of the old covenant revelation; rather, "to fulfill" means to fill up the Law's intent and show the goal to which it leads. Jesus is saying that He achieves the purpose of the Law and the Prophets in the inauguration of the kingdom in His life and ministry and in its consummation at His return. The Law is valid under the new covenant when used "lawfully" (1 Tim. 1:8), but it cannot be followed rightly apart from Christ. Seeing that Jesus fulfills

the Law helps us see its relation to us today. Christ does not abrogate the Law in the sense that certain parts of it are cast off completely. For example, the new covenant does not end God's demand for atonement. But we do not sacrifice animals, because Jesus, who is the end of the sacrificial system, has come. Our Lord, as the goal of the sacrifices, inaugurated the kingdom in His death, and now we obey our Father's demand for atonement by approaching Him through the shed blood of Christ (Heb. 10:1-18). On the other hand, the goal of what is often called the moral law (WCF 19) is a heart set apart to obey God joyfully and without hesitation (Deut. 30:6). Christ has begun this work in us (Heb. 8:13), but He will not finish it until He consummates the kingdom (9:27-28). Until then, the Law's ethical norms are fully binding.

Coram Deo: The distinction between the civil, ceremonial, and moral laws of the Mosaic code is not so clear on the pages of Scripture. Nevertheless, the distinction is a helpful tool for applying this law to our lives today. We study the Mosaic law to learn what God would have us do in Christ. This law has been written on our hearts thanks to the Holy Spirit, though we still certainly struggle doing it. Make sure to spend time each week in study of the law of God.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

May 8th
<i>Morning</i> Elise de Waal & Mary Price
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Cortney McDonald
<i>Wednesday - May 11th</i> Claire Shores (<i>Bethany Wallace</i>)

Today's Sound Operator - Kenny Spansel



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

The New Member's Class will begin June 5th. It is for anyone interested in knowing what is required to be a member at GBC. We encourage our visitors to attend, so that you might have your questions about membership answered. The class will be led by Hal Pritchard and will meet on Sunday morning at 9:30 in the church office.

PARENT COMMITMENT

Today we will have a parent commitment immediately following our morning service. We will be recognizing Rosalie Claire White.

