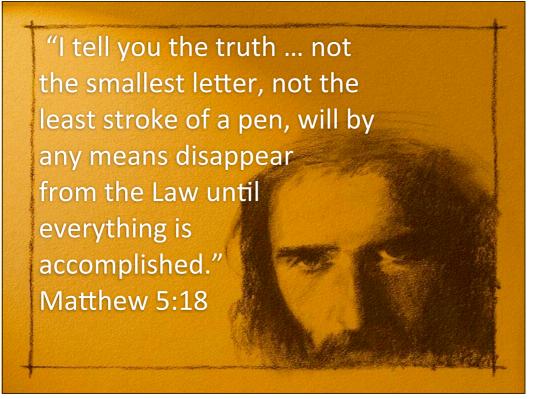


shedding light on questions about life and the bible



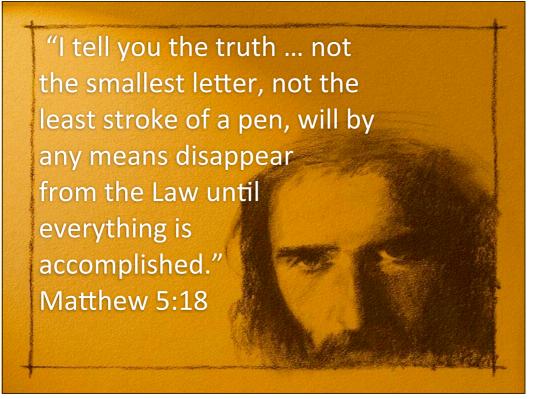
Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Matthew 24:35



For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any doubleedged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

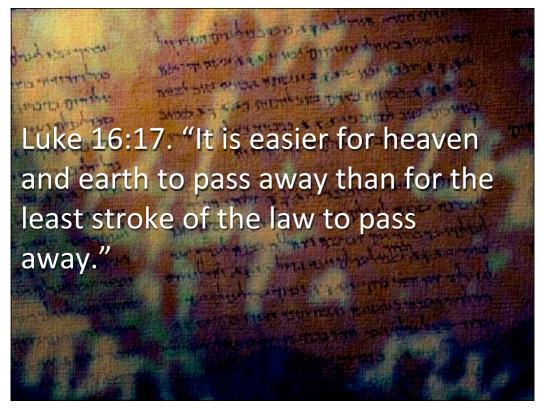




1. The Bible is Absolutely True

The Bible is inspired.

... until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will ... disappear ..."



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• The Entire Bible Is Inspired.

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3000 American citizens were surveyed and 48% agree

"The Bible alone is the Word of God"

But 67% (nearly 7 out of 10)

"Think people are inherently good."

All of Scripture is God-breathed; in its inspired *voice, we hear* useful teaching, rebuke, correction, instruction, and training for a life that is right 17 so that God's people may be up to the task ahead and have all they need to accomplish every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16

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The Bible Is Our Authority.

"...until everything is accomplished." Vs. 18

"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." Matthew 5:17

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life. John 5:39,40

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Luke 24:44 Psalms."

Pastor and Author John MacArthur writes:



Jesus was the Old Testament fully. He did not come simply to teach righteousness and model righteousness; He came as divine righteousness. What He said and what He did reflected who He was. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. 17 For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality. Colossians 2:16,17

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings... Hebrews 10:19-22

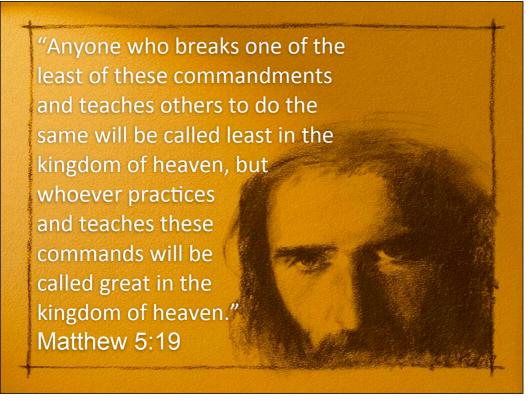
For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. Romans 3:20

The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. 4 He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. Romans 8:3,4

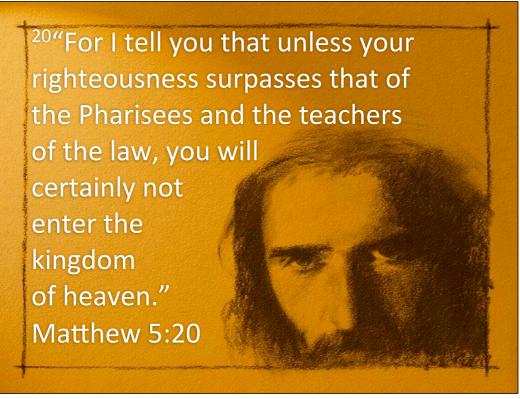
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If there is no religious absolute there can be no basis for real law. People will not respect or long obey laws that are only judicial guesses. An evil and godless society, floating around on a sea of relativism, realizes it has no foundation. Law becomes a matter of preference and order a matter of power. A democracy where power is ultimately vested in the people is particularly vulnerable to chaos.



Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward. 2 John 8



The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked. 26 Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible." Matthew 19:25,26

But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. Romans 3:21,22

The Righteousness God Requires?

God also Gives!



1 Peter 1:10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest

vs. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into

these things. 1 Peter 1:12