

UNSHAKEABLE

LIVING THE WORDS OF JESUS



SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday Sept 20th, 2020

Good Enough (Jesus Is...) - Pastor David Cooke

Matthew 5:17-20

- **Why Did Jesus Come?**

Matthew 5:17

- **Random Faith**

A. We all want and believe we have the right to create our own faith.

B. Creating our own faith is creating our own God.

C. Two Paths People Take

D. One Destination

- **The Purpose Driven Life of Jesus**

Matthew 5:17–18, John 8:36, Luke 19:10

- The Law points us to Jesus, where we find his perfection, his grace, his forgiveness.

- **Some Helpful Background**

A. What did “the Law” mean? 4 Things...

- i) The Ten Commandments
- ii) The Pentateuch - first 5 books of the Old Testament
- iii) The Law and the Prophets - pretty much what we call the Old Testament
- iv) The Oral or Scribal Law

B. Who is Jesus talking to?

- **How To Be Great**

Matthew 5:19

- Think of God’s Word as Spiritual Nutrition and Spiritual Workout

- **It’s About Righteousness...**

Matthew 5:20

- **Surrender - Follow - Listen - Do**

2 Corinthians 5:21, John 8:36, Luke 19:10,

Obedience does not come from fear; but in response to God’s love, that he pours into the hearts of those who follow him.

1. How do you respond to someone who says that Christianity is just a list of rules with no freedom?
2. How does this week’s discourse about legalism and license describe or impact how a you interact with others?
3. The last few weeks we have been talking about the pathway to living the words of Jesus as: Surrender - Follow - Listen - Do. Of these 4 areas, which do you struggle with most? Which is your strongest area? How does it impact the other areas?
4. What is your next step in trusting and leaning into Jesus more in these areas?

Life Group Study Guide

We meet in Life Groups to: Connect with God and each other. Connect the Bible to life. Connect with the community through serving together.

ICE BREAKER: How do you personally discern the difference between rules that should be followed versus those that shouldn't?

PRAYER: God is worthy to be sought - take time to pray together in your group.

SERMON SERIES: “Unshakeable: Living The Words of Jesus”

In this sermon series we explore how to live according to Jesus' teachings in **Matthew chapters 5-7**. This is the **Gospel of the Kingdom**. It is something we are not only to know, but to do, to *live*. And when we do that, we are immovable, unshakeable because the foundation is Jesus and he is the Rock of our salvation that is immovable and *unshakeable*.

THIS WEEK: “Good Enough (Jesus Is...)” Matthew 5:17-20

Watch the weekend's sermon here:

<http://www.coldspringschurch.net/sermons.html>

EXPLORING TOGETHER

There is value in sharing perspectives about the weekend message in community. With dialogue around God's truths, perspective broadens and impacts transformation.

1. What is something from this weekend's message that stood out to you? How so?

TAKING IT HOME

We are not meant to just let life happen to us, *conforming* rather than *transforming* (**Romans 12:1-2**). We can choose to allow God's transforming power into our life.

2. Jesus was a puzzling enigma to the religious establishment and a breath of fresh air to the ordinary people who lived in fear of breaking God's law. How do you respond to someone who says that Christianity is just a list of rules with no freedom?
3. Jesus said that he didn't come to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them. How would you explain “fulfilling the law” to someone new to Christianity?

Jesus wanted those interested in following him to understand the continuity and place he had in the long-term history of God's dealings with humanity. Jesus did not just appear randomly out of the blue; he was not wiping out the past and beginning something from scratch. He was the embodiment and fulfillment of what the Old Testament had foreseen.

4. What is the difference between "self-righteousness" and "righteousness" as Jesus used it in verse 20?

5. How does a person "enter the kingdom of heaven" (v.20)?

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Acceptability before God is not a matter of doing good religious works, as much as the forging of a friendship or relationship with God based on his mercy and love toward us.

6. How does this week's discourse about legalism and license describe or impact how you interact with others?

7. The last few weeks we have been talking about the pathway to living the words of Jesus as: **Surrender - Follow - Listen - Do**. Of these 4 areas, which do you struggle with most? Which is your strongest area? How does it impact the other areas?

8. What is your next step in trusting and leaning into Jesus more in these areas?