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| <b>Sermon Series:</b>   | <b>RED</b>          |
| <b>Today's Message:</b> | <b>Fulfilled</b>    |
| <b>April 2, 2017</b>    | <b>Derek Harden</b> |

**Matthew 5:17-20 (ESV)**

**17** 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. **18** For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. **19** Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **20** For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Jesus AFFIRMS the Old Testament**

**Jesus came to FULFILL the Old Testament**

**1. TEACHING**

**2. LIFE**

**Romans 8:3-4 (ESV)**

**3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be **fulfilled** in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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**Jesus DEMANDS true righteousness**

**Romans 3:21-24 (ESV)**

**21** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith...

**Application Challenge:**

Is there an area of your life you are projecting external perfection to impress others? What are your motives for being seen this way?

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Jesus told the Pharisees to confess their perfection projection and to place their faith in His perfection. Jesus offers the same to you and me - freedom through faith. Will you receive it and live it?

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