

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

A New Sheriff in Town (Matthew 5:17-20)

Matthew 5:3-12, Jesus promised **“Blessed are”**

Matthew 5:13-16, He declared **“You are”**

Therefore... those **Who are** – Stand **Unshakable!**
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Hebrews 12:26-27, At that time His voice shook the earth, but now He has promised, **“Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.”**

The words **“once more”** indicate the **removing of what can be shaken**—that is, created things—so that **what cannot be shaken** may remain.

- It is **not the devil** who is doing the shaking

God **uses the devil for His purposes**, as He pleases.

So...

- **Who** gave Paul his thorn in the flesh? (**II Cor. 12:7**)

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Ephesians 6:10-13, Finally, **be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power**. Put on the full armor of God, **so that you can take your stand** against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, **so that** when the day of evil comes, **you may be able to stand** your ground, and **after** you have done everything, to **stand**.

- Having put on our **Inner Garments** (Vs. 5:3-12, Who we are)
- And our **Under Garments** (Vs. 13-16, Our relationships with others)

Let’s do what we’ve prepared for, and **STAND!**
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What will be shaken first? (by the devil, for God’s purposes)

God’s Authority

What did the devil call into question with Eve, first?

- What do people so easily fall for?
- **Taking God’s authority**, and taking matters into their own hands

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Matthew 5:17-20

What is **God’s Word**?

- The law
- **How things really are**

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Vs. 17, “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law”

“Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind”**

Let **the Original New** be restored in your mind

- **“In the beginning was The Word”**
- **“God said... and it was so”**
- **And it still is**

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"I did not come to destroy but to fulfill."

Though **the original 10 laws** still stand (Which would you freely violate before God?)

Jesus refined them down to three:

- **Matthew 22:37**
- **Matthew 22:39**
(Vs. 40, All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.)
- **John 13:34**

We'll get back to these

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Vs. 18-19,

"I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled." (John 1:1-18)

- And heaven and earth will pass away. (II Peter 3:10)

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which **the heavens will pass away** with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both **the earth** and the works that are in it **will be burned up.**"

What will survive?

"So that **what cannot be shaken** may remain."

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What is **Christ's encouragement** for us here?

Vs. 20, "For I tell you, **unless your righteousness** surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, **you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**"

He just said the scribes and Pharisees don't qualify for heaven

- How do you think that landed?

"I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."

He just **shook them both!**

- So, who will hang on to what?

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How did their righteousness violate God's?

- They **took His place** in declaring what is law (the same bait & switch Eve fell for – decide for yourself)
- They changed **His Ten** into **more than 600** of theirs
- They made it about **performance** (judged by them)
- Instead of **a love relationship** defined by **Him**

I believe **He had their attention** at that point

- **I hope He has ours**

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The Sermon on The Mount

Everything so far has been ground work

Now come **the nuts & bolts of living it our together**