THE JESUS WAY: LAW

Matthew 5:17-20
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 tell you,
until heaven and earth
disappear, not the smallest
letter, not the least stroke of a
pen, will by any means
disappear from the Law until
everything is
accomplished. 19 Therefore
anyone who sets aside one of
the least of these
commands and teaches others
accordingly will be called
least in the kingdom of
heaven, but whoever
practices and teaches these
commands will be called
great in the kingdom of
heaven. 20 For I tell you that
unless your righteousness
surpasses that of the
Pharisees and the teachers of
the law, you will certainly not
enter the kingdom of heaven.

Romans 13:14 (KJV) But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof

Psalm 101:3 (KJV) I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me

2 Timothy 2:9 (KJV) In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array

Ephesians 5:18 (KJV) And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit

Exodus 20:8-10 8 "Remember
the Sabbath day by keeping it
holy. 9 Six days you shall
labor and do all your
work, 10 but the seventh day
is a sabbath to the Lord your
God. On it you shall not do
any work, neither you, nor
your son or daughter, nor
your male or female servant,
nor your animals, nor any
foreigner residing in your
towns.

The Sabbath was originally a gift from God to man. It was a gift of rest.

LAW- FULFILLED (v.17)

17 "Do not think that I have
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them.
Jesus perfectly kept the law and through Him all the law and prophets had written was realized.

LAW -PRESERVED (v.18-19)

18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

The law is guidance God gave for living a life pleasing to Him and in harmony with others.

Civil Laws

Liturgical/Ceremonial Laws

Moral Law

Galatians 5:21-26 21 Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. 22 But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. 23 Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. 24 So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. 25 Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

Matthew 22:37-40 37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

LAW- PROBLEMATIC (v.20)

20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.