



COMMUNITY OF FAITH

UNCOMMON

WEEK 3

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.

21 “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

23 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift...

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

31 “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits

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1. Anger: the hidden murder of the heart

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder,’ and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment. But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.” Matthew 5:21-22

“If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there... First go and be reconciled to them.” Matthew 5:23-24

2. Lust: the hidden adultery of the heart

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” Matthew 5:27-28

“If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out... If your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off...” Matthew 5:29-30

3. Divorce: the hidden selfishness of the heart

“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery...” Matthew 5:31-32

4. Why this sermon is necessary

5. The only righteousness that surpasses the Pharisees

On the cross, Jesus didn’t merely preach the Sermon on the Mount. He fulfilled it.

6. What do we do about It?

“If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away... If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away.”

“Flee from sexual immorality... Don’t you know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.” 1 Corinthians 6:18

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” James 5:16

Come out of hiding

“Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:20