**INsideOut Righteousness**

Text: Matthew 5:17-20 (NLT)

**7**“Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. **18**I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. **19**So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God’s laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

**20**“But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

**Rules of “doing it right”**

Deut. 4:5-8

Matthew 5:7

Accomplish their purpose, to fulfill, to make it abound

**A “new” kind of righteousness**

Matthew 5:20

All of their “right doing” did nothing to gain any kind of favor with God.

**Something I learned from a pear.**

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Matthew 23:27-28

**An ancient truth: God wants our Heart**

Isaiah 1:11-18

Micah 6:6-8

Psalm 51:16-17

**Good News of God’s Grace**

Romans 3:21-30

“Grace is opposed to earning, not effort.” - Dallas Willard

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