

Sermon Discussion Questions, April 3, 2011
Sermon on the Mount Series-Week Seven
Jesus Calls Us to a Different Kind of Righteousness, Dr. Rod MacIlvaine
Matthew 5: 17-20

DESTINY - Our eternity demands a fundamentally different kind of righteousness. Matthew 5:20, 26:28; Jeremiah 31:31-33, Galatians 3:24

- 1. Define righteousness. How do you think the Pharisees responded to Jesus statement in verse 20? How had they misapplied the law and Old Covenant?**
- 2. What is the New Covenant? Why do we need a New Covenant? Have you ever had a works/righteousness mentality? What was that like? Do you still struggle with that mentality? Why or why not?**

1st WAY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS – Jesus produces righteousness in us by fulfilling the entire Old Testament. Isaiah 5:2, 7:14, 53; Matthew 5:17-18; Mark7:19; Hebrews 8:3, 10:1-8

- 3. How did Jesus fulfill the Old Testament law and prophecy? How does Jesus make us righteous?**
- 4. Could the Pharisees ever be truly righteous in the sight of God? Why or why not? Can any non-Christian religionist be regarded as right in the sight of God? Why or why not?**

2nd WAY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS – Jesus produces righteousness in us as we pattern our lives after His Word. Matthew 5:18-19, Matthew 28:20

- 5. On what should we pattern our lives? Why? Why do you think it is important that we study the Old Testament as well as the New Testament?**
- 6. What are some (good and bad) ways we respond to God's Word? In what ways has this sermon moved you toward authentic and practical righteousness?**

