**Scripture:** Philippians 2

**Singing:** 401 – 438:2-3 – 143 – 265

**Jesus and His relationship to the Law of God (2)**

I. Who He is in relationship to law?

II. What did He do in relationship to the law?

III. How did He *fulfill the Law of God* in and through His life?

**III. How did Jesus then fulfill the law?**

**A. He fulfilled it *by the way He lived it***

 1. Every detail of His life reflects the original law of God

 2. Therefore Jesus’ life isn’t just *the preaching of the Gospel*

a. He also is the exposition of the Law of God

● His presence – action – speaking *brings conviction*

● why: *because by the law is knowledge of sin (Rom. 3)*

 ● what better *law-teaching* than Jesus’ life?

 3. Let’s take a *close look at Jesus as the fulfiller of the Law!*

a. consider how *He loved God above all – with all His devotion*

 ● God commanded last Adam: *Thou shalt drink this cup*

● on cross **Jesus devotional love** to His Father and to His

 Church went to its ultimate climax

b. Consider how he *loved every neighbor that came across His path*

 4. This portrait is very *convicting: we come short of the glory of God!*

**B. Jesus fulfilled the Law by *dying the death of the cross***

 1. That was His most costly act of obedience to the law *of love*

 2. Yet He therefore also *fulfilled* the demands of the law (Gal. 3:13)

 a. the rest to which Jesus invites (Matt. 11:28-30) is His fulfilment

 of the demands of the law: *both in active and passive obedience*

b. this **heart of the Gospel** is not disconnected from the law

 ● His gracious obedience *satisfies the Law*

● Yet at the same time it *illustrates the law*

c. yet who of us would go as far as Jesus went: Rom. 5:7-8?

**C. Jesus *fulfills the Law* within His people’s hearts and lives**

 1. How necessary is this spiritual work of God (John 3:8)

 a. without re-writing of the law upon our heart, heaven is closed

 2. Therefore salvation isn’t just *pardon of sin: it also making holy!*

 a. Romans 8:1: *there is therefore now no condemnation to*

*them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit …*

Consider: *Turn daily to the only address where help is available!*

**Truths About Obedience**

Christian obedience is not slavery to dominating legalism,

but it is submission to divine law.

Before faith and obedience become acts of man, they are gifts of God.

Knowledge is the eye that must direct the foot of obedience

Obedience is not the essence of a right relationship with God

but it is the evidence of a real relationship with God.

The evidence of saving faith is not how much you believe,

but how well you live.