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"But I Say Unto You..."

In Matthew chapters five through seven we find Jesus giving instructions on how followers of Him are to conduct their lives. He reminds them of what they had been trying to adhere to (and failing), the Law from OT scripture and passed down to them through oral reminders by their forefathers. He spoke of "ye have heard" and "it hath been said" in reference to OT scripture, but then He tells them what is required of them (us). But I say unto you is calling for more than outward actions, it's calling for total obedience from the heart. It's also calling us to go beyond the 'law' and the 'letter' of the law.

They were living in a society (Jewish) where their actions could be justified by what had be deemed acceptable. An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth was what they went by, but Jesus comes along and says..."but I say unto you..." that we resist not evil, to turn the other cheek. He says that they have 'heard' to love our neighbor and hate our enemies, but He says to love our enemies and to bless those that curse us and pray for them.

Today's society we live in has things that are acceptable and 'lawful' just as they had then. But according to the Words of Jesus they are not acceptable for followers of Him. Legally Americans can kill their unwanted unborn children; people of the same sex has the legal 'right' to be married and live as such; people can change for one gender to the other through medical procedures and it's perfectly acceptable; everyone has the legal right to do any of these within this society...Yet, Jesus is speaking to us just as much now as He was then to them and saying...But I say unto you...What are we going to do with His words? At the end of chapter seven of Matthew He tells us of the end for those who DO (obey) His sayings and those who don't. We can judge ourselves by an honest evaluation of the fruit in our lives; let us choose wisdom and to build upon the foundation of Jesus Christ and what He has said unto us.

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