

Born to Sail 3 – The Code

Main Texts: Exodus 20; Matt 22:34-40; Matt 5:17-20

The point: God made the law, not to save us, but rather to point us toward Jesus.

Intro:

Review:

- ⇒ We were born to sail
- ⇒ The curse – why are we all cursed? (Gen 3 & Gal 3:10)
- ⇒ The wages of sin is death... Rom 6:23 (God's warning was that disobedience would bring death)

The CODE – Beginnings...

Movie Clip... *Pirates of the Caribbean* [0.37.30 – 0.41.01]

- ⇒ God's first step to repair what was broken by man's sin in the garden of Eden was to promise that he would send a Saviour that would bridge the gap between us and him
- ⇒ He promised this Adam, then to Noah, and then to Abraham. It would be through Abraham's descendants that the Saviour would come.
- ⇒ God chose Abraham's descendants to be his people – the people we now know as Israel
- ⇒ Israel becomes slaves of the Egyptians for 400 years until God sends Moses to deliver them
- ⇒ God gives Moses the 10 commandments as well as many other laws for his people to follow

Read Exodus 20

The CODE – on Steroids...

- ⇒ skip ahead to the 1st century
- ⇒ The righteousness of Scribes and Pharisees
- ⇒ Righteousness means "right living"

Read Matthew 5:17-20

- ⇒ Pharisees and Scribes were religious superstars

- ⇒ The only way you can exceed the righteousness of Pharisees is through Christ
- ⇒ Obeying the law does not make us right with God (Gal 2:20-21)... all our acts of righteousness are like filthy rags! (Is. 64:6)
- ⇒ The law was never meant to save us... it acts like an MRI machine to show us what's wrong with us
- ⇒ Only Christ gives us access to God
- ⇒ Rom 3 (from fusion q's last week)... no one is good, not even one.

The CODE – it's about the heart...

- ⇒ Sermon on the Mount – Jesus continually dismantles the Pharisees because he can see through their flimsy brand of righteousness

Read Matthew 22:34-40

- ⇒ The heart of the Law has always been there – that is why Jesus says that not the stroke of a pen will disappear.
- ⇒ The 10 commandments teach us how to love God and how to love each other – but at the very heart of everything is this thing called love. It's all that matters and it's the bottom line!