

Glorious Alternative - Jesus on Scripture

It is impossible to take Jesus seriously without taking scripture seriously.

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Matthew 5:17-18

God never desires our happiness at the expense of our holiness.

...you (Pharisees) nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. 7 You hypocrites! Matthew 15:6-7

To the command not to work on the Sabbath they added the idea that carrying a burden was a form of work. They then faced the question of determining exactly what constituted a burden. They decided that a burden is food equal to the weight of a fig, enough wine for mixing in a goblet, milk enough for one swallow, honey enough to put on a wound, oil enough to anoint a small member of the body, water enough to moisten eye salve, paper enough to write a customs house notice, ink enough to write two letters of the alphabet, reed enough to make a pen, and so on and on. To carry anything more than those prescribed amounts on the Sabbath was to break the law. Some strict interpreters believed that even wearing an artificial leg or using a crutch on the Sabbath constituted work and argued about whether or not a parent could lift a child on the Sabbath.

When we come to know Jesus as Savior, we willingly chose to sit under the authority of God’s Word.

19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:19

When impure hearts approach scripture with corresponding motives sin becomes falsely justified.

11 Command and teach these things. 12 ...set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:11-12

Each of us must commit to practicing and teaching God’s Word.

***22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
James 1:22***