



## THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

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# GOD'S WORD IS SURE

**SCRIPTURAL LESSON:** *Matthew 5:17-20*

### GOSPEL TRUTH:

Jesus did not come to destroy the Law. He came to fulfill it. He, the Mighty God, did not need to be ministered to, for He was the Word made flesh. He was in and of Himself the fulfillment of the Law. He came to minister to those who were living under the law for He had come to bring Salvation and to give His life as a ransom for sin (*Matthew 1:21; John 1:1-2, 14; Colossians 2:9*).

### GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away (Matthew 24:35).*

### THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Jesus Christ is the *Word of God* made flesh (*John 1:14*).
2. The *Word of God* is eternal (*John 5:39; I Peter 1:25*).
3. The *Word of God* is the sure foundation. Believe and keep on believing God's *Word*, it shall accomplish His will (*Isaiah 28:16; 55:11*).
4. The *Word of God* is quick, powerful and truth (*John 17:17; Hebrews 4:12*).
5. The *Word of God* is also the means of spiritual growth and food for the soul (*Romans 15:4; Colossians 3:16; II Timothy 3:16-17; I Peter 2:2-3*).

### BACKGROUND SETTING:

Matthew (also known as Levi) the author of the book of *Matthew*, had been a tax collector. Tax collectors were hated and widely despised by both the Romans and the Jews. Tax collect-

ing was a very profitable position. Matthew was a rich but sad and wretched man. The experiences of his job made him miserable and despicable. Jesus had seen Matthew at the seat of the receipt of customs, and knowing the heart of man, said to him, "follow me" (*Matthew 9:9, 12*). The simple words "follow me" spoken by the Living Word of God brought deliverance to Matthew; they that were whole needed no physician and Jesus had come not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance (*Matthew 9:10-13*). The once hated tax collector became a follower and minister of Christ and a saint.

### LESSON SUMMARY:

Matthew witnessed the power and authority of Jesus Christ as He spoke the words of God (*Matthew 7:29; Luke 4:32*). He noticed the conflict that Jesus encountered with the Scribes and the Pharisees (*Matthew 15:9*). He learned about the sacredness of *God's Word* (*Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:19*) and the necessity of strict adherence to an absolute obedience of the *Word* to the letter (*Deuteronomy 11:28; Ephesians 5:6*). Jesus made it clear that unless one's righteousness exceeded that of the sanctimonious Scribes and Pharisees one could not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven (*Matthew 6:5, 23:14*). Men's works would be insufficient to obtain salvation (*Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-5*).

Today, we are no more in bondage under the law but under grace (*Ephesians 2:5, 8-10*). The sure *Word of God* must rule and reign in our hearts and lives. Obedience to the *Word* is ultimate. Our souls have been saved by the washing of the Blood of Jesus (*Ephesians 1:7, 5:26-27*) according to the *Word* and we have been filled with His Holy Spirit according to promise (*Acts 2:38*). There must be no deviation from The Gospel of the Kingdom of God. It is forbidden (*Galatians 1:6-9*). Truly, *God's Word* is sure!

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