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Do not presume that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to **fulfil**. ¹⁸ For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke of a letter shall pass from the Law, until all is accomplished! ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever nullifies one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I say to you that unless your righteousness far surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:17-20



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I would not have known sin except through the law.

Romans 7:7



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You do not grow *into* righteousness.
You grow *from* righteousness.



This was not written for Abraham's sake alone that righteousness was imputed to him, **but also for us**. Righteousness shall also be **imputed to us** who *believe* in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

Romans 4:22, 25



Righteousness changes who we **are**.
And when we **know** who we are, it changes how we **live**.