



A NEW HUMANITY: 'YES' BE 'YES'

If you are joining for the first time, we are nearing the end of our series A New Humanity. We have been wrestling with the impact the Kingdom of God has upon our lives. On this incredible journey we are learning what it means to be this new humanity in the Reigning Kingdom of God.

OG Question: In your own words, describe what it mean to be human under the rule and reign of Jesus?

Recently at a Coldplay concert they streamed at a local theater, there was a moment where Chris Martin said, "Thank you for giving me hope in humanity."

It caused me to reflect on the profoundness of that statement. In today's age many of us watch the news and lose hope in humanity. I know with the rise of violence even in Hawaii, I question, at times, the fallenness of humanity.

OG Question: What is humanity? What does it mean to be human? It's not often that we think about these things.

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"Be certain that you do not die without having done something wonderful for humanity."
- Maya Angelou*

"The bond of our common humanity is stronger than the divisiveness of our fears and prejudices." - Jimmy Carter

*"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive."
- Dalai Lama*

I'm sure we could philosophize all day about humanity. However, we want to get the mind of Christ on A New Humanity which he came to establish. The bottom line, Jesus came to reclaim what we have ruined. He came to make all things new. We become a new person and together a new humanity. And with the greatest sermon ever preached he begins to unpack what this person of a new humanity would look like, would think like, and would act like. Basically, he says this person would look like someone who would fulfill all of the old testament laws. And as we learned last week, outside of the most common ten commandments, there are hundreds of laws.