

Church of Christ
meeting at
Mack Road
Sermon Outline
2009

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Worship Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

Bible Classes: Sun 9:30 a.m.— Wed. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

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What Is Morality?
Eph. 2:1-3
(Monthly Theme: Jesus' View Of Morality)

Introduction:

Examples of moral implications.

Morality Defined:

Common definitions.

Webster's: Encantra :

Biblical use of the word.

Used in three places in the NASB

Added by translators..... Job. 11:15;

Ethos used in 1 Cor. 15:33

Arête used in 2 Pet. 1:5

The same Greek words where it's not translated moral.
see overhead.

The question isn't if morality exists.

Morality is the idea of right from wrong.

Those who substitute it..... Isa. 5:18-23

Those who change it..... Pr. 17:15; Amos 5:7

Morality is expressed even by the nonreligious.

In the idea of laws..... 1 Tim. 1:9

In the idea of fairness..... Deut. 25:13
someone cuts in line; someone gets more for the same amount,
umpires and referees.

The question is which moral standard does one use.

Some believe in personal morality..... Judges 17:6

Some believe in social morality..... Judges 19-20

Some say they don't believe in morality, but to even make this state-
ment is to claim a moral position.

True Morality Must Be Based On God.

If there is no God then one's moral standard is arbitrary..... Mat. 7:26-27

If there is a God then one's moral standard is chosen for them..... Ps. 95:6;
100:3; 119:73

The God of the Bible is the standard for morality.

There Is A God..... Rom. 1:18-

Jehovah's acts declare His deity..... Isa. 46:8-11; Deut. 3:24

Because His ways are righteousness.....
..... Ps. 89:14; 97:2; 119:144, 160, 172

There is no injustice with God..... Rom. 9:14

He doesn't lie..... Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:17-20

His character doesn't change..... Heb. 1:12; 13:8

True Morality Based On God:

Is God centered.

The greatest command..... Mat. 22:37-38; Deut. 30:19-20

It is based on God's character and law..... Deut. 4:4-8

Man is not the standard for right action..... Pr. 12:25; 14:12
 “Because I said so!”
Society isn’t the standard for right action..... 2 Cor. 10:12
 “Everyone else is doing it.”
 God is the standard for right action. Pr. 30:5,6; Ps. 12:6; 18:30
 Is Other oriented.
 The second greatest command..... Mat. 22:39
 God’s moral standard treats others right..... Pr. 31:8-9
 God’s moral standard is based on love.
 Both principles are based on love..... 1 Tim. 1:5;
 Because love does no harm to another. Rom. 13:8-10
 Love fulfills God’s moral standard..... Mat. 22:40
 Example: Deut. 10:12-22; Mat. 5

Conclusion:

True morality is based on God, and is reflected in our treatment of others according to God’s standard.

Having heard, Rom. 10:17

Believe what you’ve heard, Acts 2:40-41

Repent of your past life and turn to Jesus, Acts 17:30

Confess that Jesus is God’s Son Rom. 10:9

Be Baptized in Jesus name Acts 2:38

Enjoy the freedom in God’s kingdom Col. 1:13-14

Application For The Week

Point To Ponder:

Man makes moral decisions everyday of his life.

Question to ask:

What makes something moral?

Application to make:

Morality is based on applying Jesus’ words in our everyday life.

Order Of Worship Service

Worship Emphasis:
God Is Righteous

Worship Focus:
Praise God, He Wants Us Righteous!

Song: # 496 We Have An Anchor
by Bill Riemer

Scripture reading: Eph. 2:1-3
by Ben Copeland

Song: # 455 Take My Hand And Lead Me

Opening Prayer: by Jim Uptegrove

Song: # 249 Seek Ye First

Song: # 413 I Believe In Jesus

Communion:
Collection:
Lead: Tom Ziegler

Song: # 7 Saints Lift Your Voice

Sermon: What Is Morality?

Song: # 530 Come Unto Me

Closing Prayer & Announcements:
by Bill Turner

Definitions

Merriam Webster's:

□ 1 **mor-al** Pronunciation: \mor-əl, mār-\ Function: adjective Etymology: Middle English, from Anglo-French, from Latin *moralis*, from *mor-*, *mos* custom Date: 14th century

1 a: of or relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior : **ethical** <*moral judgments*>

b: expressing or teaching a conception of right behavior <*a moral poem*>

c: conforming to a standard of right behavior

d: sanctioned by or operative on one's conscience or ethical judgment <*a moral obligation*> **e:** capable of right and wrong action <*a moral agent*>

2: probable though not proved : **virtual** <*a moral certainty*>

3: perceptual or psychological rather than tangible or practical in nature or effect <*a moral victory*> <*moral support*>

Encantra:

1. accepted moral standards. standards of conduct that are generally accepted as right or proper
2. How right or wrong something is; the rightness or wrongness of something as judged by accepted moral standards.
3. Virtuous behavior: conduct that is in accord with accepted moral standards.
4. Moral lesson: a lesson in moral behavior