

SERMON NOTES PM

SITUATION ETHICS

Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" (John 18:37-38)

Looking for a moral compass

Ethics is defined as the "Moral principles that govern a person's _____ or the conducting of an activity."

Defining ethics has always been the problem with humanity.

I cannot give a definitive answer because there is none. There is no Ethics Jeopardy game with right and wrong answers, buzzers, and a host with the answers written on a card. Santa Barbara Independent (May 2013; Ben Bycel)

"Everywhere in the Bible, clear moral distinctions are drawn; there is no blurring them, as in the case of the ethnic [heathen, pagan] religions and in most of the schemes of human speculation. In the Bible, righteousness is everywhere commanded and commended; sin is always condemned. Inner purity, nor merely outward, ceremonial and conventional morality, is always taught." L. S. Keyser, in his book "A System of Christian Evidence"

Other names:

1. Ethical Relativism / When in Rome ...
2. Contextualism or Contextual _____ Making
3. Ethical Individualism / Moral individualism
4. THE NEW MORALITY! The only _____ is there are no _____



Is LOVE the only measure that can determine morality?

How do you define love? 2 Timothy 3:2-5 (p 1367)

Are _____ and _____ mutually exclusive? John 14:14, 21-23 (p 1242)

Are we generous enough to seek one another's good?

"This presents one with a terrifying degree of freedom" (Barclay)

The Moral Compass Of Man Must Be The Bible!

The Bible presents an ABSOLUTE standard of _____ and _____ Galatians 5:19-23 (p 1341)

Pilate asked the right question: What is truth? John 18:33-40 (p 1247); John 17:17 (p 1245)

Examples of making moral choices:

- ➡ Joseph Genesis 39:5-9 (p 45)
- ➡ King Saul 1 Samuel 15 (p 327)
- ➡ Babylon Boys Daniel 3:16-18 (p 1022) Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah



Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! (Isaiah 5:20-21)

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes. Judges 21:25 (p 305)

1 Timothy 4:8 (p 1363) 2 Timothy 3:15-17 (p 1368)

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THE THIEF ON THE CROSS

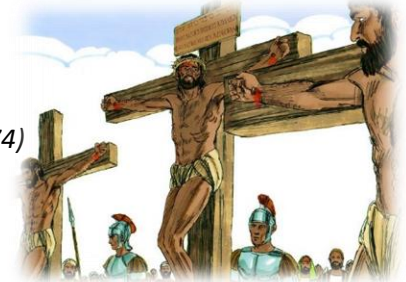
Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." (Luke 23:42-43)

Luke 23:39-43 (p 1217)

The Thief: His Story

We know little about the man.

- ☞ He was a _____ man.
- ☞ Was he a companion of Barabbas? *Luke 23:25 (p 1216); Mark 15:6-7 (p 1174)*
- ☞ He knew his punishment was _____. *Luke 23:41 (p 1217)*
- ☞ He knew something about the kingdom of Christ. *Luke 23:42 (p 1217)*
- ☞ He _____ Jesus with the other man. *Matthew 27:38-44 (p 1149)*
- ☞ Sometime in the early hours of crucifixion, he changed. *Luke 23:33-34 (p 1217)*
- ☞ He believed in the _____ of God! *Luke 23:40 (p 1217)*



The Man In The Middle

- ✓ Jesus was arrested, tried, and condemned to die *Acts 2:22-23 (p 1254)*
- ✓ Jesus died at the hands of those He came to _____ *Acts 3:13-15 (p 1255)*
- ✓ Jesus never sinned and died a sinless man *Hebrews 4:15 (p 1375)*

Jesus proved He was the Son of God with authority *Mark 2:1-12 (p 1152)*

- Jesus forgave the man of his sins (v5)
- Challenged by _____ (v7)
- Jesus poses a question (v9)
- Jesus proves His _____ (vv10-12)

Jesus had the _____ and the _____ to forgive sins

Luke 7:36-50 (p 1189); Luke 19:9-10 (p 1209)

The thief lived and died under the _____ of _____ *Ephesians 2:14-16 (p 1344)*

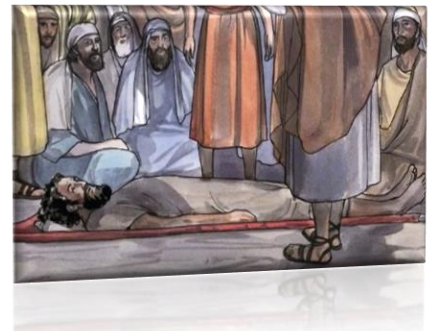
The thief did not obey the pattern of the New Testament

Romans 10:8-10 (p 1303)

Does the thief on the cross answer the objection to baptism?

What did Jesus tell His disciples? *Matthew 28:18-20 (p 1150); Mark 16:15-16 (p 1176)*

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. *Colossians 2:11-12 (p 1354)*



There is also an antitype which now saves us — baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. *1 Peter 3:21 (p 1393)*