

Moral Absolutes

Genesis 3:1-7; Isaiah 5:20

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for light and light for darkness,
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own eyes and clever in their own
sight* **Isaiah 5:20-21**

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2020 poll by Pew Research

Half of U.S. Christians say casual
sex between consenting adults is
sometimes or always acceptable.

Homosexuality

"Always wrong"

66% of Evangelicals

"Not wrong at all"

25% of Evangelicals

how will anyone know what tune is being played unless there is a distinction in the notes? Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?

1 Corinthians 14:7-8

They have chosen their own ways, and their souls delight in their abominations; **Isaiah 66:3**

“We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ” **Genesis 3:2-3**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” **Genesis 3:1**

satan's tactics don't change

- he ridiculed the truth
- he reversed the truth

Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22:37-38

And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:39-40

The Ten Commandments

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| 1. You shall have no other gods before Me. | 6. You shall not murder. |
| 2. You shall not make idols. | 7. You shall not commit adultery. |

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| 3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. | 8. You shall not steal. |
| 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. | 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. |
| 5. Honor your father and your mother. | 10. You shall not covet. |

This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 1 John 5:3

Why do we rebel against God's authority?

1. satan entices us.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

2. We rebel because of peer pressure.

3. It is our human nature.

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

Romans 7:18-19

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. **Romans 1:25**

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Four things we need to do to return to the authority of God.

1. We submit to God's Word as absolute.

**Discipline over
Personal Motivation**

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. **Proverbs 14:12, 16:25**

2. We need to live distinct lives.
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If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Luke 9:26

*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. **Matthew 5:13***

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

Matthew 5:14-15

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may

see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

3. We need to tactfully proclaim God's standard as the truth.

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4. We need undaunted courage in spite of opposition.

Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

Acts 5:27-28

*Peter and the other apostles
replied: “We must obey God rather
than men! **Acts 5:29***

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*Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness, for they
will be filled. **Matthew 5:6***