

Class 6: What Role Does Scripture Play in Developing a Christian Ethic?

“The Bible says it; I believe it; that settles it. II Timothy 2:13”

How then shall we live? (What is God’s will for my life?)

A Christmas tree theology?

Context for ethical life:

1. God’s Love and Grace:

Romans 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 10 For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ...

Romans: 8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh....

5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Seven Deadly Sins

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| 1. Lust | 5. Wrath |
| 2. Gluttony | 6. Envy |
| 3. Greed | 7. Pride |
| 4. Sloth | |

2. God’s Sovereignty

- Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.
- John 16:33 I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

3. God’s Intelligence

- Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Psalm 86:11 Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.
- Do we really think we can be happy by disobeying God?

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4. God's Church

- "One man alone ain't got no bloody chance." Ernest Hemingway
- Proverbs 11:14 Where there is no guidance, a people falls; but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

Matthew 5

3 Blessed are the **poor in spirit**,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are **those who mourn**,
for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are **the meek**,
for they will inherit the earth.

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

7 Blessed are **the merciful**,
for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are **the pure in heart**,
for they will see God.

9 Blessed are **the peacemakers**,
for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are **those who are persecuted because of righteousness**,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1 Peter 2 4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ

Psalm 51

For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.

The Gospel according to Palafoutas

1. Pray every day
2. Read the Bible every day
3. Don't intentionally sin
4. Love someone every day
5. Go to church every week and worship with others