

Ethics: How Can I Know Right from Wrong?
(9 Questions #5)
Mark 12:28-31
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How can I know right from wrong? What is ethical behavior?

Shelly and her 'unloving' parents.

When did love begin?

Why did God create man?

How did Adam and Eve respond to God?

What is the best ethics that man can create without God?

Where can we find faint glimmers of love? Of God's ethics?

How did God respond to the rebellion of mankind?

He made a promise, and he gave a law.

Israel failed, but God's son didn't.

Jesus would bring a new community of love into the fallen world.

So how do I know right from wrong in a fallen world?

Love. That is ethics. But that love needs to be defined. (2 Timothy 3:16)

What rule guides love?

Love God Above All

Why should I love God above all?

Our love is a response to God's great love (Deuteronomy 6:4-5).

This is addressed to covenant people - the objects of God's great love.

The whole man must love God wholly. Heart, soul, mind and strength.

Love your Neighbor as Yourself.

John Duncan, "How good God is! He bids everybody love me!"

How can Jesus communicate mutual self-giving love in a fallen world?

So, how do I know right from wrong? Get to know the heart and mind of God.

Keeping Biblical ethics is after Christ, not before Christ.

God invites you into himself, into his fellowship of Love.