

BITH576 CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND EXCELLENCE

INTRODUCTION

Ethics is a set of principles which speak of human character and conduct, of distinction between right and wrong and moral duty and obligation to the community. The principles we have set for ourselves are going to dictate our reaction to every situation that arises, be it at church, on the job, at home with the family, or in a strange place.

This course will approach ethics on a scriptural basis. It will not be too concerned with secular ethics, either traditional or contemporary, except as they relate to Biblical ethics.

The course will answer questions such as:

- What is the ethical standard of the Christian?
- What does it mean to be "under grace" and what are implications as they apply to obedience?
- What does the expression "free moral agent" mean, and is it scriptural?
- Is the "Sermon on the Mount" for the Christian?
- What does the term antinomianism mean?
- Are morality and Christianity vitally related?
- How does sanctification relate to ethics?
- How can we live a truly godly life?

The Scriptures indicate that man, since the fall, is devoid of essential righteousness, and is by nature inclined to disobey God. In the epistle to the Ephesians Paul tells us that men are the "children of disobedience... and were by nature the children of wrath" (Ep.2:2-3). This was man's condition before conversion.

This would imply that a qualified determinism is the doctrine of the bible. Man in his present condition has a natural power of will by which he can externally conform to God's law & so modify his character to a limited extent, but the sinful nature of man's affections is not directly under his control, so his sinful nature is so powerful that it influences all mankind to choose evil and requires a special work in the man's heart to ensure his salvation.

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

- Lesson 1 - Introduction to Christian Ethics
- Lesson 2 - What is Christian Ethics?
- Lesson 3 - Convictions and Practices
- Lesson 4 - The Conscience
- Lesson 5 - An Ethical Vocabulary
- Lesson 6 - The Biblical Doctrine of Love
- Lesson 7 - Some Principal Passages Pertaining to Love
- Lesson 8 - Practical Considerations Regarding Love
- Lesson 9 - Seven Ethical Principles of Paul
- Lesson 10 - A Study of the Sermon on the Mount
- Lesson 11 - Analysis of the Sermon on the Mount
- Lesson 12 - A Christians Relationship to the Law of Moses