

Christian Morality

Objective Truth
(Apologetics, Week 9)

The Big Question

Where does morality come from?

- Is morality
 - Personal
 - Cultural
 - Divine
- Can morality change by vote?
- What if morality is only preference?

Objective vs. Subjective

Category	Example	Changes?
Preferences	Ice Cream	Yes
Culture	Dress styles	Yes
Moral truths	Murder	No

Objective - true regardless of opinion

- “Murder is wrong”

Subjective - Based on feelings

- “Chocolate is best”

Can morality be both true and changing?

The Moral Law Within

- Why we know right from wrong
 - Moral instincts are universal
 - We protest injustice instinctively
- Scripture
 - Romans 2:14-15
 - Isaiah 5:20
 - Micah 6:8

C.S. Lewis - Humans argue as if a real moral law exists

The Source of Moral Truth

- Morality is grounded in God
 - God's nature defines good
 - We are made in His image
 - Moral truth flows from who God is
- Key texts
 - Psalm 119:137-138
 - James 1:17
 - Genesis 1:27

Human Dignity Explained

- Why every person matters
 - Image of God → human worth
 - Human worth → moral obligation
 - Remove God → rights become agreements
- Scripture
 - Genesis 9:6
 - James 3:9

Why Relativism Fails

- “What’s true for you...”
 - Leads to contradictions
 - Undermines justice
 - Can’t explain human rights
- Questions
 - Is it objectively true there’s no objective truth?
 - Should we tolerate intolerance?

Real-World Inconsistency

- We all assume moral truth
 - Human rights language
 - Social justice movements
 - War crime tribunals
- Moral outrage assumes real moral standards
- Scripture
 - Judges 21:25
 - Romans 1:18-25

Living Moral Truth Like Jesus

- Conviction + Compassion
 - Speak truth in love
 - Don't compromise
 - Don't condemn
- Jesus' example
 - John 8:1-11
 - Mark 10:21
- Response Framework
 - Clarity
 - Humility
 - Compassion

Law, Grace, and True North

- Morality points us to Christ
 - The law reveals sin
 - Christ fulfills the law
 - Grace transforms obedience
- Scripture
 - Galatians 3:24
 - Romans 8:1-4
 - Titus 2:11-12

A broken compass doesn't erase north -
It calls for recalibration