



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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TRUTH, ABSOLUTES

Today, in America, many believe that there are no moral absolutes. Many hold to a philosophy of a moral relativism. How many times have we heard statements like these: “What is right for you may not be right for me,” or, “If it feels good, do it,” or “Anything goes,” and “Nothing is right or wrong; there are just different opinions.” All of this is the result of the feeling that there is no absolute truth. “You are entitled to your truth, and I am entitled to mine” is the view held by many.

A recent poll found that 67% of Americans do not believe in moral absolutes. Among Baby Boomers, the percentage was even higher, at 78%. Even 62% of professing Christians said that there was no absolute standard of right and wrong. Is it any wonder that America is in such a sad state morally? My friends, there is an absolute standard of truth, and we can know that truth.

Jesus said, *“Sanctify them in the truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:17).* Jesus says that God’s word is truth. Thus, what God says IS RIGHT! Our Lord also declared, *“If ye abide in My word, then are ye truly My disciples; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32).* One can know absolute truth. Remember, *“O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his step” (Jeremiah 10:23).*

God’s word is our moral absolute!

From the Arthur church of Christ, Arthur, IL

Jesus Went About Doing Good

Peter made one of the simplest statements about Jesus that you'll find in Scripture. But it is also packed with meaning and application. He said that Jesus "*went about doing good*" (**Acts 10:38**). This understated affirmation deserves our deeper exploration. What were some of these good things that our Lord went about doing?

He Pointed People to the Scriptures. People regularly approached Jesus with questions. Some were only trying to trap Him in His words, but others were genuinely seeking His help. Either way, our Lord knew that everyone, regardless of their problem or their motive, needed to encounter God as He had revealed Himself in the Scriptures. That's why we find Jesus saying things like, "*Have you not read in the Law...?*" (**Matt. 12:5**), or "*Have you not read in the book of Moses...?*" (**Mark 12:26**), or "*What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?*" (**Luke 10:26**). We regularly encounter people with problems, questions, dilemmas, and issues. We would do well to follow the example of Jesus and point them to God's will.

He Called People to Higher Ground. Jesus did not want His followers to be content with mediocrity or the status quo. He called on His people to exceed the righteousness of the recognized religious leaders of the day (**Matt. 5:20**). He taught people to love their enemies (**5:44**), put the kingdom of God first (**6:33**), and treat others the way we would want to be treated (**7:12**). There is no higher ethic than the Christian ethic, and our world would be a better place if it would heed our Lord's call.

He Put Others Ahead of Himself. There is no better example of Jesus "*doing good*" than His putting others ahead of Himself. That's what brought Him to us in the first place (**Phil. 2:5-8**). "*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many*" (**Mark 10:45**). From His perfect example we learn, "*Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others*" (**Phil. 2:3-4**).

As we fix our eyes on Jesus (**Heb. 12:2**), let us determine that we will follow His perfect example and go about "*doing good*" just like He did. **Eddie Parrish**