

DAILY ORAL THEOLOGY

Basic Christian Ethic

Opening Questions

You call yourself a Christian. What does that mean? From what perspective do you see the world? How should you be any different than those outside of the body of Christ?

What is the Apostle Paul getting at when he says in Acts 17:28, “In him we live and move and have our being” in the midst of the Areopagus? Do you really want to be distinctive?

MOTIVE–Faith

- Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”
- Romans 1:17 “For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’”
- 1 Corinthians 16:13 “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”
- 1 Corinthians 6:6-7 “So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.”

STANDARD–God’s Law

- Psalm 19:7 “The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.”
- Psalm 119:1 “Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!”

What does the law do for us?

Three parts: 1) *Theological (Reflects God)*; 2) *Pedagogical (Restrains Evil)*; 3) *Ethical (Reveals What is Pleasing to God)* Does the law save? No. What does David mean in Psalm 119:92? “If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.”

PURPOSE–Glorify

The Shorter Catechism Q and A #1 “What is the chief end of man? Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him for ever.”

- Romans 15:5-6 “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”
- 1 Corinthians 10:31 “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”
- Colossians 3:23-24 “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

PRACTICE–Love

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13
- Ephesians 5:2 “And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”