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Introduction

One of the prevailing philosophies of our day is something called **Moral Relativism**. **Moral Relativism** says that **there are no absolute truths**, and that **all philosophies, all religions, all opinions, are EQUALLY VALID, with no way to distinguish one as being morally superior to others**. It's also come to be known by the name "**TOLERANCE**". It's the philosophy that is being taught in our schools and in the media that "**there is nothing that is true everywhere, and that everything is true somewhere.**"

I want you to see this morning that, **contrary to this popular philosophy, the Word of God CAN be trusted and the Word of God alone stands as absolute truth whether it is believed to be such or not!**

This world would have us to believe that there are no absolutes, but God says there are! And...**Truth is truth regardless of whether it is believed or not!**

Whenever we use terms like "**all,**" "**always,**" "**never,**" "**none,**" "**whosoever**" or any other absolute terms, there is most always an exception to the rule!

However, this is not the case with Scripture!

When God says "**all,**" He means all!

When God says "**always,**" He means always!

When God says "**never,**" He means never!

When God says "**none,**" He means none!

When God says "**whosoever,**" He means whosoever!

When God uses any other absolute terminology, He means exactly what He says!

Now as I've said, there are many folks today who do not believe in absolutes!

They may call the Bible "**The Good Book,**"

They may believe that the Bible **contains** some truths,

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They may even **believe certain portions** of the Word of God to a point, **but**, it is evident that there are **a vast majority of people who do not believe in the absolute Authority of the Word of God!**

Many of these folks believe that every person should be guided by their conscience in all matters. They believe that a person's conscience should override Scripture.

However, Man's Conscience Cannot Be Trusted Because It Has Been Tainted By Our Sin—The Adamic Nature!

The problem is that **each person's conscience is different!** We are all born with a **conscience**, but our **conscience is molded by many different influences of the environment we are raised in!**

Not only that, but the Bible says that our **conscience** may be **seared**.
1 Timothy 4:2—". . .having their conscience seared with a hot iron;"

Ephesians 4:19—“Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”

We know that there are some criminals who are locked away in prison and should never be let out **because their consciences are seared! They are past feeling!** They have no qualms about being wicked in their thoughts and actions! They would just as soon kill you as to look at you if you stand in their way of what they want!

The Bible not only says that the **conscience** may be **seared**, but it says that a conscience may be **defiled!**

Titus 1:15—“Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.”