

## Doctrinal Studies

### Morality

Many people have the false concept that morality is spirituality. They do not distinguish between the Filling of the Holy Spirit (FHS) and morality. There are many socially respectable moral unbelievers. If a person is moral, it does not mean that he is saved. Therefore:

1. Christianity is not morality, but a relationship with God in Christ. II Cor. 5:17 the emphasis of this passage is not what man does but what God does. **Therefore, if (1<sup>st</sup>) anyone be in Christ, he is a new creature** (the adj. New is *καλινος* = a new species, revealing our being in union with Him by the Baptism of the HS) **old things** (*ἀρχηαιος*, ancient, old; or that which existed in the beginning, spiritual death) **are passed away** (spiritual death is passed away by means of spiritual birth, Rom. 5:12) **behold all things are become (PFAI) new** (*καλινος*).
2. Morality is a by-product of Christianity and spirituality. Real Eph. 5:3
3. Morality has no spiritual dynamics. Spiritual dynamics are related to the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. Gal. 5:16, Gal. 4: 21-31 Being moral does not advance a person to salvation who is lost, or advance a person in maturity who is saved. Morality is what man does and is incompatible with grace in the attainment of regeneration or in Christian development.
4. The dynamics of Christianity are found in the Filling of the Holy Spirit and the consistent intake of Spiritual food, Eph. 5:18, Rom. 8:2-4, Eph. 4:24, and...at points of time put on, cloth the soul with the new man (thinking of Christ) according to God's standards in the sphere of righteousness and in Holiness – The Truth.
5. The basic function of morality is the survival of the human race. A society without law and order is headed for discipline and/or destruction. Anarchy and immorality always go together. Morality is absolutely necessary.
6. Morality cannot provide salvation or spirituality. In Matt. 19:18-20, the rich young ruler is very moral but lost. Titus 3:5, Gal. 3:2
  - Changing the pattern of lifestyle does not save or make a person spiritual.
  - People can be overtly moral and have minds saturated with sin.
  - Some people are self-righteously moral. Along with this, there is bitterness, viciousness, and cruelty. Often a person is slanderous, a malinger, a gossip and a backbiter.
7. Morality is God's plan and in the born-again believer can be produced by the Filling of the Holy Spirit (FHS) and the saturation of the thinking of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the unbeliever, morality is produced by the sinful nature from the area of his strength. God has designed morality to protect the human race. Morality and human freedom is the very foundation for responding to the Gospel.

Freedom and morality make evangelism possible!