

FIRST CENTURY MORALS

Ephesians 3:19

INTRODUCTION

- A. What were the morals of the first century?
- B. Is the Bible Outdated for the 21st century?
- C. We all understand that everything changes!

DISCUSSION

- I. CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.
 - A. The church speaks with authority - The Catholic Encyclopedia – p. 74.
What the Bible says! EP 3:19; 5:17; 1 JN 4:1; Acts 17:11.
 - B. Is the Bible historically accurate? Joseph V. Gallagher, To Be A Catholic: A Catechism For Today – pp. 18-19. What the Bible says! 1 PE 1:21; 1 CO 2:9-12.
 - C. Is the Bible true? – Ibid, Gallagher.
What the Bible says! JN 8:32; 17:17.
 - D. Is any of the Bible outdated? Ibid, Gallagher.
What the Bible says! HE 4:12; MT 24:35; PS 119:11.
 - E. Why is the Bible Important? Ibid, Gallagher.
- II. CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
 - A. Presbyterians on homosexuality in 1978. Minutes of the 190th General Assembly [1978, United Presbyterian Church in the USA, pp. 261-262.
 - B. Presbyterians on homosexuality in 1980. Minutes of the 120th General Assembly [1980], Presbyterian Church in the United States, p. 213.
 - C. Presbyterians on homosexuality in 1991. Roll Over John Calvin, Time Magazine 5-6-91, p. 59.
 - D. Where Presbyterians stand on homosexuality?
1978 – SIN!
1980 – CONTRARY TO SCRIPTURE!
1991 – RE-EVALUATE DEFINITION OF SIN!
 - E. Listen to Rick Warren from the Saddleback Community Church. Purpose Driven Church, p. 218.
- II. CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE METHODIST CHURCH.
 - A. Methodist Church on Abortion. The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church – 2004).
 - B. Methodist Church on Gambling. (Adopted at the Methodist Conference of 1992).
- III. THE MORALS OF THE FIRST CENTURY.
 - A. RO 1:26-32.
 - B. 1 CO 6:9-11.
 - C. GA 5:19-21.
- IV. MORALITY WAS ESTABLISHED BY GOD. JE 10:23.
 - 1. Dress.
 - 2. Language.
 - 3. Abortion.
 - 4. Homosexuality.
 - 5. Gambling.
 - 6. Drunkenness.
 - 7. POINT: Standard of the world always lower than God's Standard!
- V. SOME THOUGHTS!
 - A. The testimony of the Lord is sure! 1 PE 1:22-25; JN 12:48; 1 PE 4:17; MK 16:15-16.

- B. The gospel is the same for ALL. Acts 10:34-35; 1 CO 4:17.
- C. The Bible is perfect – needs no revision. JA 1:25; Jude 3; JN 16:13.
- D. Altering the gospel brings condemnation. GA 1:6-9.
- E. The Word of God is alive – It is not a dead letter! HE 4:12-13; HE 3:12.
- F. Changing the Word Of God cannot be justified.
 - 1. Majority of the people – MT 7:13-14; GE 6:5-7.
 - 2. Family relations – MT 10:34-37; 2 CH 15:16.
 - 3. Government – Acts 4:19; 5:29
 - 4. Sincerity – Acts 26:9-11; 23:1; 1 TI 1:15.
 - 5. End justifies the means – 2 SA 6:6-7; NU 4:15.
 - 6. Feelings – GE 37:35; PR 16:25.
 - 7. Changing values of society – Acts 10:34-35; 15:6; 17:30.
 - 8. Rise in disposable income – 1 TI 6:9-10, 17.

CONCLUSION

- A. RO 1:16-17; MT 24:35.
- B. First Century Plan of Salvation for the 21st Century.