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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

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INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ETHICS PART 3

"Living by the Word" 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Our Source of Ethical Standards: The Bible

1. The Bible was given to teach us how to live. (Ps. 1:1-2; Ps. 119:1-6; 9; 105; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Thess. 4:1) One of the purposes of the Bible is to enable us to know which actions, attitudes, and personal character traits receive God's approval, and which ones do not. In other words, one of the reasons God gave us the Bible was to teach us about his views of moral right and wrong----- to teach us ethics.

2. Four Characteristics of The Bible.

- Authority: The Bible alone, and the entire Bible, is the Word of God written.
 - The Bible's Authority is higher than all other authorities for Ethics.
 (Tradition, Reason, Experience)
- Clarity: God gave us a Bible that is able to be understood. God gave us a Bible that is able to be understood, with regard to ethics, this is important because it means that the Bible is able to be understood in what it teaches about moral right and wrong. This should give us hope in studying ethics. (Deut. 6:6-7)
- Necessity: The Bible is Necessary for knowing God's Declarations of right and wrong. With regard to Christian ethics, the necessity of scripture is important because it tells us that we need the Bible in order to have any certain knowledge of God's will with respect to moral right and wrong.

• Sufficiency: God's Word gives us substantial freedom regarding numerous ethical decisions. The sufficiency of scripture is important for ethics because it tells us that God has given us a limited number of ethical requirements in Scripture and has left us with substantial freedom in areas to which the Bible does not speak.

Ps 119:165
Great peace have those who love Your law,
And nothing causes them to stumble.
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