

EP 185: Christian Ethics  
Veritas Bible Institute Spring 2014  
Wednesdays 3:00-5:00 pm  
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2 Credit

### **Contact info**

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### **Course Description**

This course will equip Christians to respond to current difficult ethical issues, including abortion, homosexuality, euthanasia, capital punishment, war, genetics and stem cell research, and more.

### **Course Objectives**

Students will . . .

- Develop a Biblical framework to make ethical decisions in a complex world
- Formulate Biblical positions on a range of current ethical issues, including abortion, homosexuality, capital punishment, and more
- Gain skill in reasonably and kindly discussing ethical issues with those from an opposing viewpoint

### **Textbooks**

Norman L. Geisler, *Christian Ethics: Contemporary Issues and Options*, Second Edition, 2010

Denny Burk, *What is the Meaning of Sex?*, 2013

### **Course Requirements**

#### **Reading (5 points each, 60 points total)**

Each week the student will have reading to complete. The students are required to complete all the required reading before the class begins so that they will be able to participate in and benefit from the class discussions. At the beginning of each exam there will be a place to check off reading progress.

#### **Assignments (10 points each, 120 points total)**

Each week there will be several questions that correspond to the reading. The students are required to complete all the reading questions before each class. If a student misses class, it is their responsibility to contact the instructor or another student to get a copy of the questions for the following week.

## Exams (100 points each, 200 points total)

There will be two take-home exams; a mid-term exam due on March 12<sup>th</sup> and a final exam due on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Attendance

In order to maintain high standards of learning, students will only be allowed two absences per course. Any exceptions must be approved by the course instructor.

## Course Schedule

	Topic(s)	Required reading before class
15-Jan	Intro and Syllabus	
22-Jan	Ethical Decision Making	Geisler 1, 8 ( <u>Optional</u> – Geisler 2-7)
29-Jan	Abortion	Geisler 9
5-Feb	Birth Control	Burk 5, Geisler-Appendix 4
12-Feb	Infanticide and Euthanasia	Geisler 10
19-Feb	Biomedical Issues	Geisler 11
26-Feb	Capital Punishment	Geisler 12
5-Mar	Mid-term	
12-Mar	War	Geisler 13
19-Mar	Civil Disobedience	Geisler 14
26-Mar	Spring Break	
2-Apr	Homosexuality pt 1	Geisler 16
9-Apr	Homosexuality pt 2	Burk 7
16-Apr	Marriage and Divorce	Geisler 17, Burk 3
23-Apr	Ecology and Animal Rights	Geisler 18-19
30-Apr	Final Exam	
7-May	No Class	