



Why Does Biblical Authority Matter?

Proverbs 30:5-6, Philippians 1:9-11

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Roman 1:18-32 | An alarming passage of God's wrath and man's wickedness.

1. Truth is resisted for sin (v18).
2. Truth is replaced with a lie (v24).

This **wrath** is not God's eternal wrath. God's anger is displayed by allowing those who turned from truth to live out their rebellion without His divine resistance interfering. He gave man his wish of living life his way. The display of sinfulness is *not* limited to sexual distortion. (vs. 29-32)

Two Vital Concerns Regarding Biblical Authority:

1. Scripture must be completely embraced to be effective.
2. Scripture must be carefully interpreted to be accurate.

The rules of Hermeneutics helps us find the original writers intended meaning to the original readers.

Proverbs 30:5-6 *Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. ⁶Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.*

Either culture or Scripture defines for us what "love" is!

Romans 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

Philippians 1:9-11 *And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in **knowledge and all discernment**, ¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*

Many would agree that "love" desires the very best for a person.

What is the very best for someone? To know, love, and serve Jesus Christ!

John 6:67-69 *Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" ⁶⁸ But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*



“The Biblical worldview is the only one that is consistent and holds the highest value for human life.” Francis Schaefer

A Christian’s goal should not be to win an argument but to explain that the claims made by Jesus Christ are worthy of careful examination and acceptance.

Romans 1:22 - professing to be wise, they became fools.

Romans 1:28 - God gave them over to a debased mind...

The Bible teaches that no one has to earn his or her right at the table of humanity because that right came from God. Our Supreme Court should *not* define what they did not create. **Human-life and marriage were created by God and *not* by our government.**

“Newborns lack rationality, autonomy, and self-consciousness, killing a newborn is never equivalent to killing a person” Peter Singer

Romans 1:18-32 is an alarming passage about a society that replaces God’s truth and then worships the created over the Creator. **Can a society promote true justice when everyone does that which is right in his or her own eyes?**

When God’s truth is rejected, the logical steps that follow are...

- We tolerate unrighteousness.
- We accept unrighteousness.
- We celebrate unrighteousness.

Isaiah 5:20-21 *Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! ²¹Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!*

Culture has convinced many Christians that it is unloving to say that certain things are wrong, even though they say certain things are wrong. The Christian becomes tagged by the culture as “unloving” as an attempt to silence them, to justify their lifestyle, and promote their agendas.

Five questions to work through:

1. Is there anything wrong with anything?
2. On what basis can someone say that something is wrong?
3. Who decides right and wrong, the individual, the government, or Jesus Christ?
4. Does Biblical authority really matter?
5. What should be the response of those who identify with Christ?

2 Timothy 2:25 *in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, ²⁶and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.*

Ephesians 4:15 *Speaking the truth in love...*