

Christian Worldview  
The wisdom of moral absolutes  
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**Moral absolutes**

There is \_\_\_\_\_ in thinking of morality as objective and universal.

Careful ethical reasoning and reflection can help a person understand the \_\_\_\_\_ between right and wrong both in principle and in very particular situations.

Moral relativism is very attractive for two primary reasons:

1. People have a strong desire to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ other people and the moral decisions that they make.
2. People want some variety of moral relativism to have moral \_\_\_\_\_.

**Moral relativism is not rational or livable**

If moral values are really a matter of personal \_\_\_\_\_, then the claim “You have no right to tell me how to live my life” is just the personal opinion of the speaker, so no one has a moral obligation to abide by it.

Most people tend to think that some things are objectively and universally \_\_\_\_\_.

All these types of judgments can only be made if moral values are both \_\_\_\_\_ and universal.

**How do we know right from wrong?**

If moral values are not objective, then there is no basis for moral \_\_\_\_\_.

Moral \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be discovered empirically.

All humans, whether they believe in God or not, are made in God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and are able to perceive the moral features of life.

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**Scripture read:** Romans 2:14–15

## HOMEWORK

1. In what areas of your life do you tend to be more of a moral relativist? Of a moral absolutist? What makes the difference in the two?
2. Have you ever told someone that they have no 'right' to tell you how to live your life? What is the problem with that statement?
3. Why do morals need to be absolute and universal?
4. Explain in your own words what it means that moral values cannot be discovered empirically. Why is that important?