

Moral Clarity Scriptures

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Revelation 19:13 (ESV)

Jesus, He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is **The Word of God.**

The world today is trying to redefine everything. Plus we are bombarded with multiple choices everyday. In this confusion, we are going to look at how we can have moral clarity. This not to judge someone else, but it is meant to assist Christians to be confident in discerning the truth and helping our decision-making. This also will assist us to lovingly communicate these truths. First, all moral clarity begins with Scripture. For fun, just imagine ourselves with all the complicated questions and difficult decisions we have before us. Then we look up and see Jesus descending from heaven. I believe all the complicated questions we have been struggling with would be seen in a very different context. **Therefore, clarity, especially moral clarity is much easier if we begin with the right premise, the right baseline, and the right foundation. When confused we need to check our basic convictions.** For instance a good conviction is that Jesus will return and judge the world by the Word of God. **Clarity comes when we see that all things begin and end with the Word of God!**

John 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word** was God.

John 1:14 (ESV)

And **the Word** became flesh and dwelt among us!

Jesus is God. Jesus is the Word that came dwelt with us! Jesus gives us clarity through the Word of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As Christians, we have the truth and the power so what is the problem? Why are we confused?

1 John 5:19 (ESV)

We know that we are from God, and **the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**

There is a lying opposition who relentlessly throws doubt concerning the Word of God. Satan has been casting doubt from the very beginning of creation.

Genesis 3:1 (ESV)

Satan said to the woman, “**Did God actually say, (Hath God said?), !!!**”

Satan continually cast doubt about the Word of God. Casting Doubt is the foundational attack used by Satan. This is the foundational tool of any deceiver!

Revelation 12:9 (ESV)

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, **the deceiver of the whole world!**

Jesus elaborates on the character of Satan!

John 8:44 (ESV)

Satan was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. **When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.**

The essence of Satan is being a liar! In contrast, the very essence of Jesus is the Truth. And it is Jesus who will judge this world by the Word of God! **This should help us in our decision making process!**

Very clearly Satan attempts to deceive us. However why do people, even believers, so often embrace the deception of Satan? It is because we have a fleshly nature that is attached to this world. Our fleshly nature does not seek the eternal things of God, but naturally seeks earthly fulfillment, the pleasures of this world, and immediate gratification. **The love of the world competes with the love of God. You cannot love both!**

1 John 2:15 (ESV)

Do not **love** the world or the things in the world. If anyone **loves** the world, the **love** of the Father is not in him.

The emotional attachment and devotion to this world replaces our love for God!

1 John 2:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And **the world is passing away along with its desires**, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

This is a bottom line truth about rejecting God and disobedience of believers. It is not so much about the difficult decisions before us. It is more about the question, “Who do we love!” Therefore we must examine where we are placing our affections. This is the foundation to having moral clarity! It is a decision!

Colossians 3:2 (ESV)

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Satan and our fleshly desires deceive us. Therefore without Christ, we are in constant turmoil. But if we decide to set our affections on Jesus and seek to understand what He says, we will have moral clarity in any turmoil facing us.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ **All Scripture is breathed out by God** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Through the breathed out Word of God we are able to be in step with God having eternal insights and ultimately receiving eternal rewards. **For moral clarity read the Scriptures.** **Life changing decision: Read the Bible for at least 5 minutes each day.** You will hear God and become less and less confused.

To have moral clarity we must trust Jesus, receive the Holy Spirit, and consult the Scriptures! In our communication with those who don't know Christ, we have "one" message!

John 3:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him (**AND HAVE MORAL CLARITY!**).

Clarity: God uses HIS people having different spiritual gifts to counsel us. Likewise, through the Prophetic Gift, the Holy Spirit speaks to us through others for our edification. So I encourage you to take advantage of our prophetic ministry to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying through them!

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.