

Paul – His Theology



Ethics – Part 3

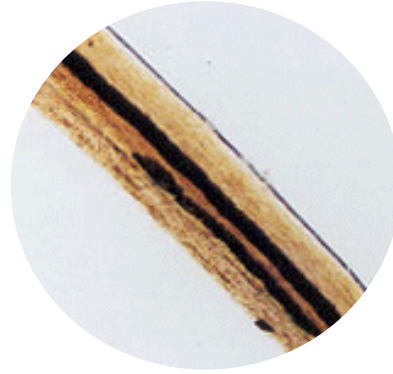
Lesson 37

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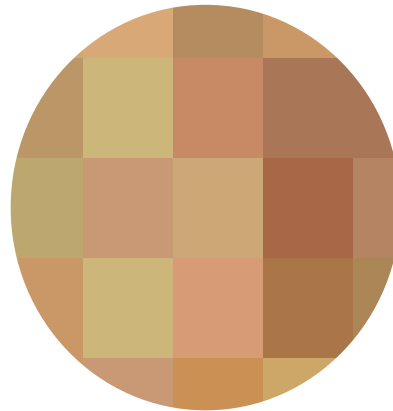
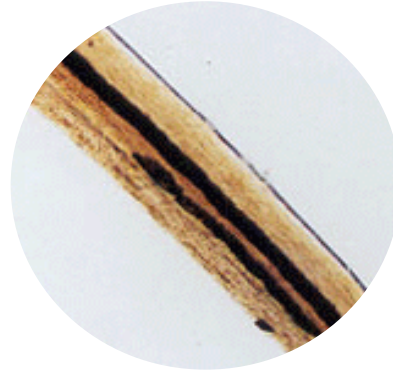
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The importance of perspective

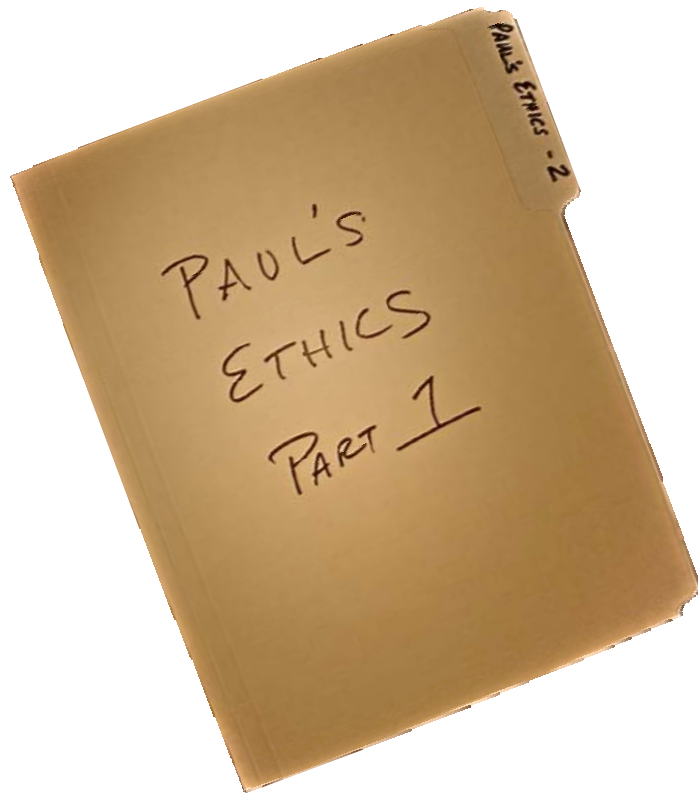




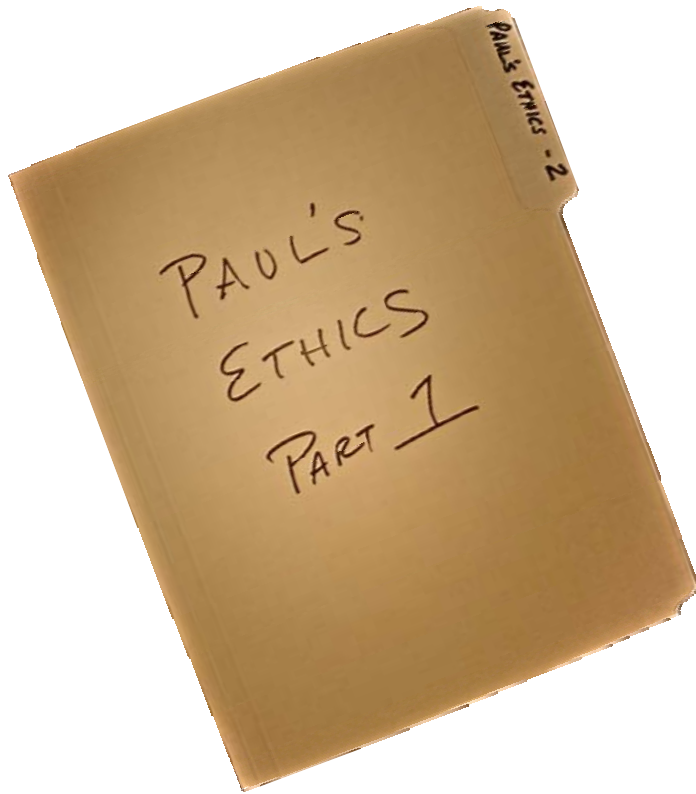
Brief Review of Lessons 1 and 2

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PAUL'S ETHICS - 2

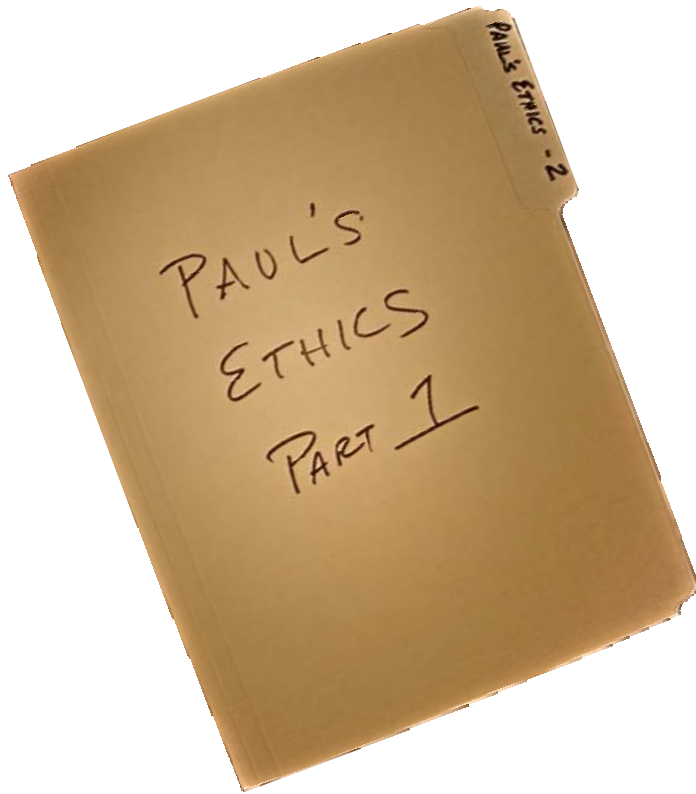


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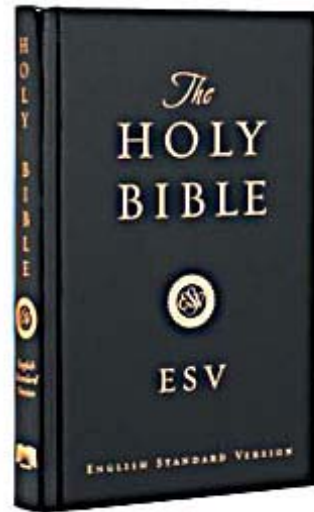


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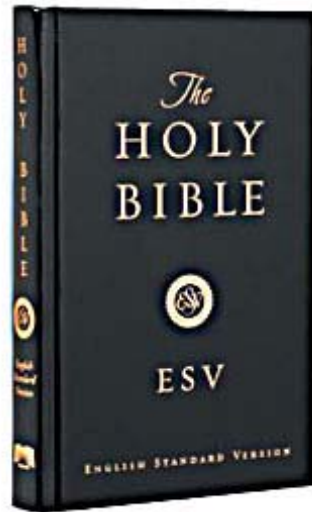
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“habit, custom
manners”

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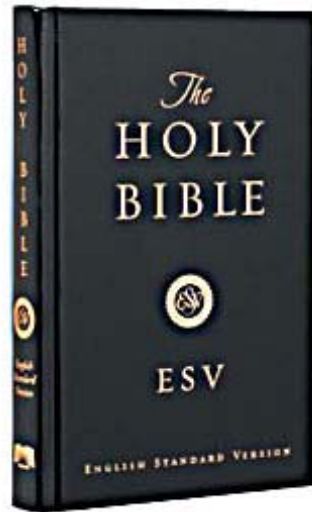


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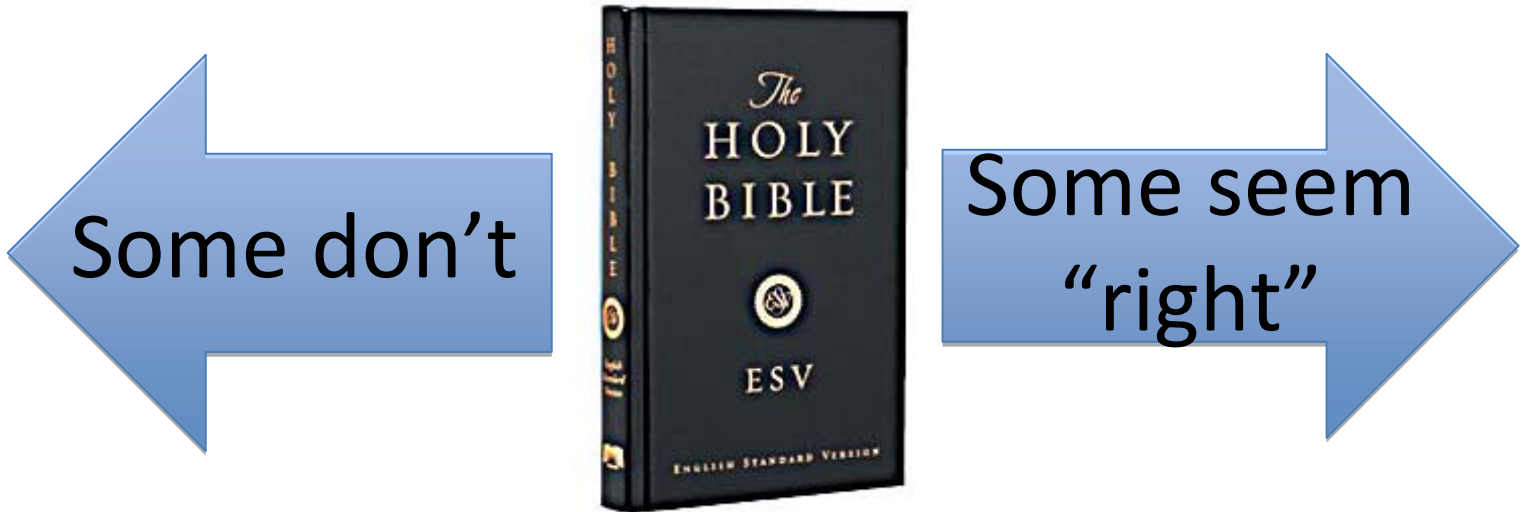
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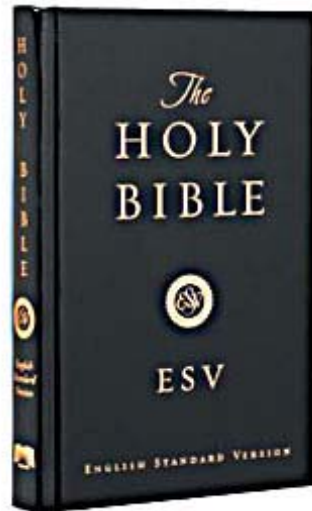
Dt. 6:5 “Love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your might”

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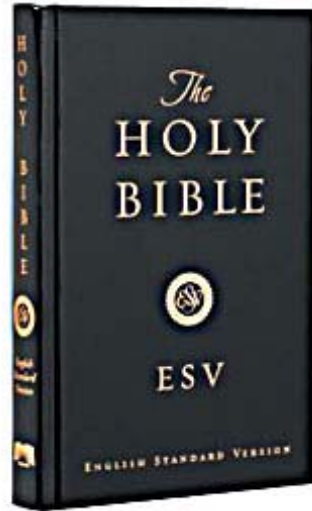
Destroy every man woman and child
in Ai (Josh. 8)

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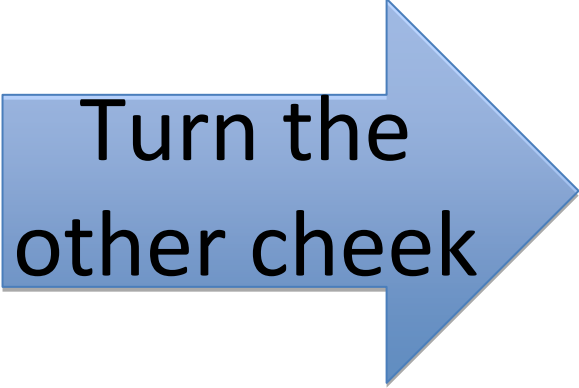
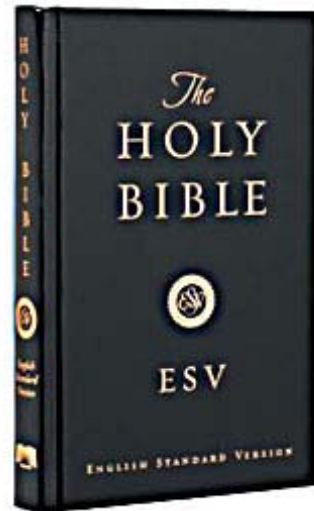
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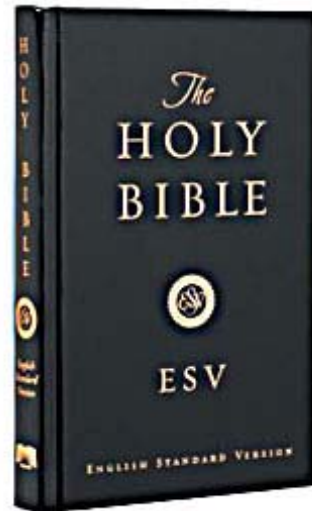


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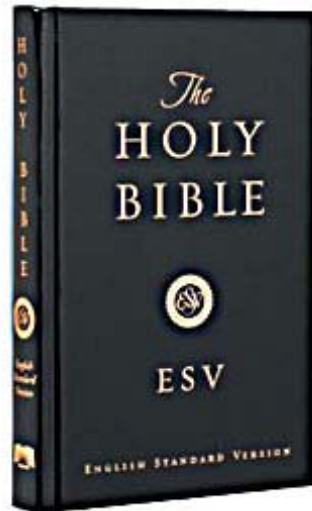
Turn the
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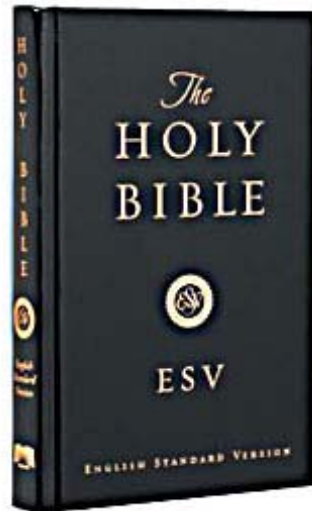
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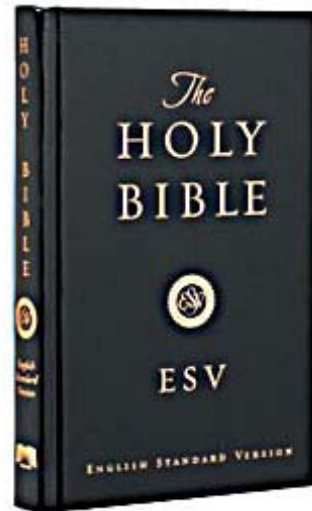
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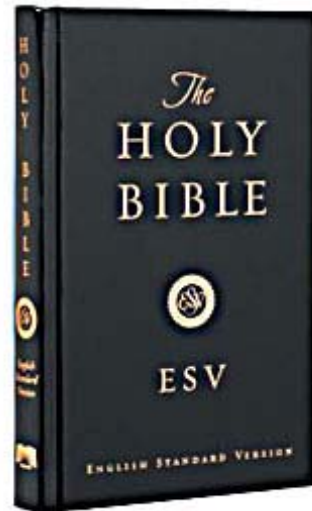


Don't take
oaths

We asked hard questions:
Does culture enter into right and
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Don't braid
your hair

How do we decide “right” and “wrong”?

Absolutes are not always apparent



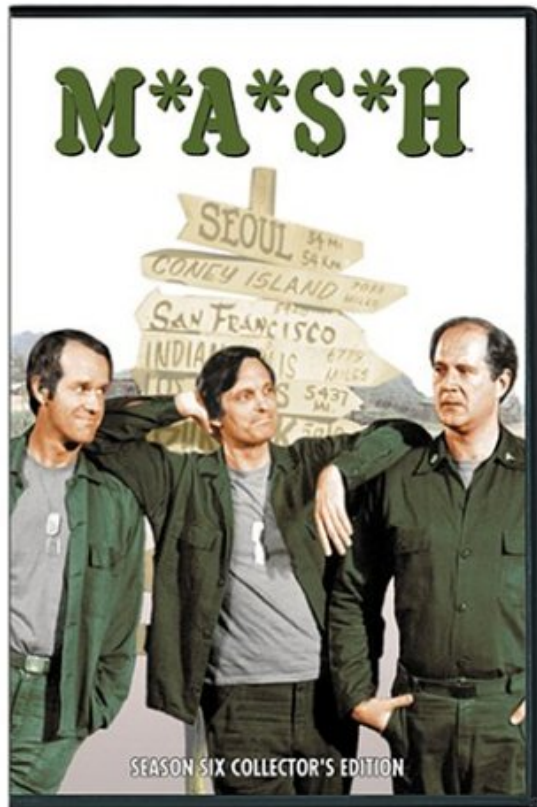
Time and culture
do make a
difference

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In a fallen
world, the
pure best is
not always
available

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Doctors choosing
who to save?

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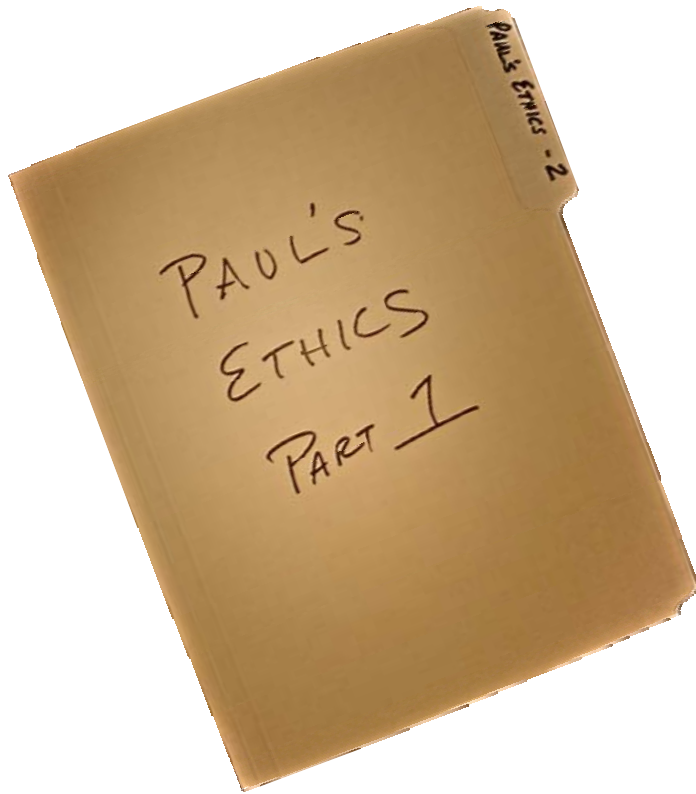
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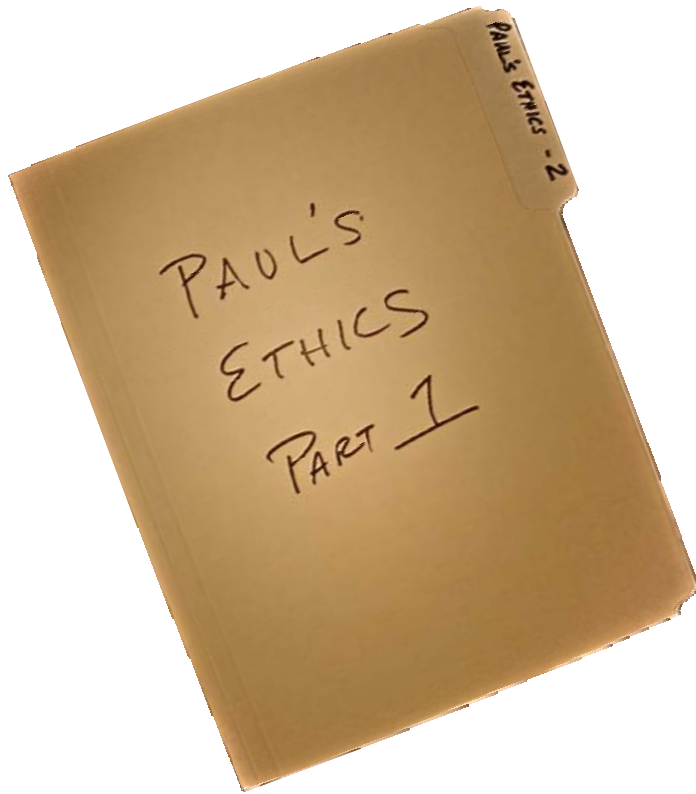
“Then why did
Moses allow
divorce?”

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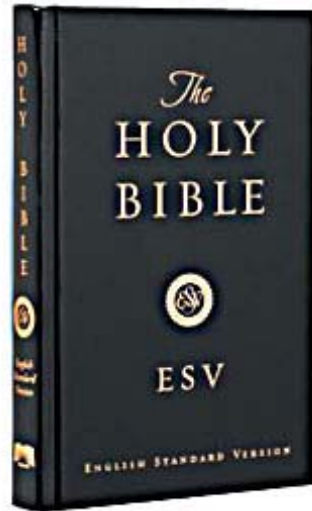


God has an
unchanging
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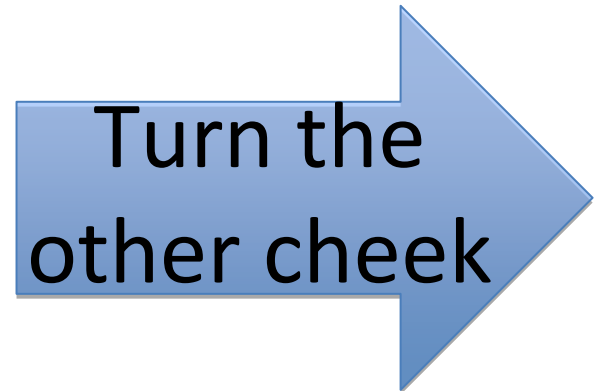
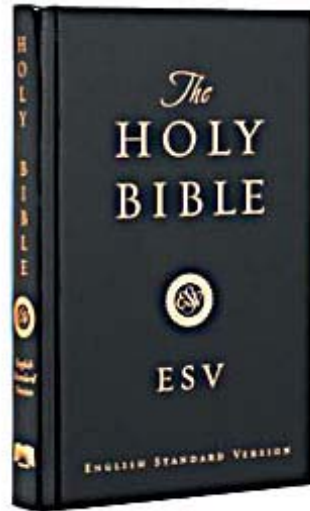
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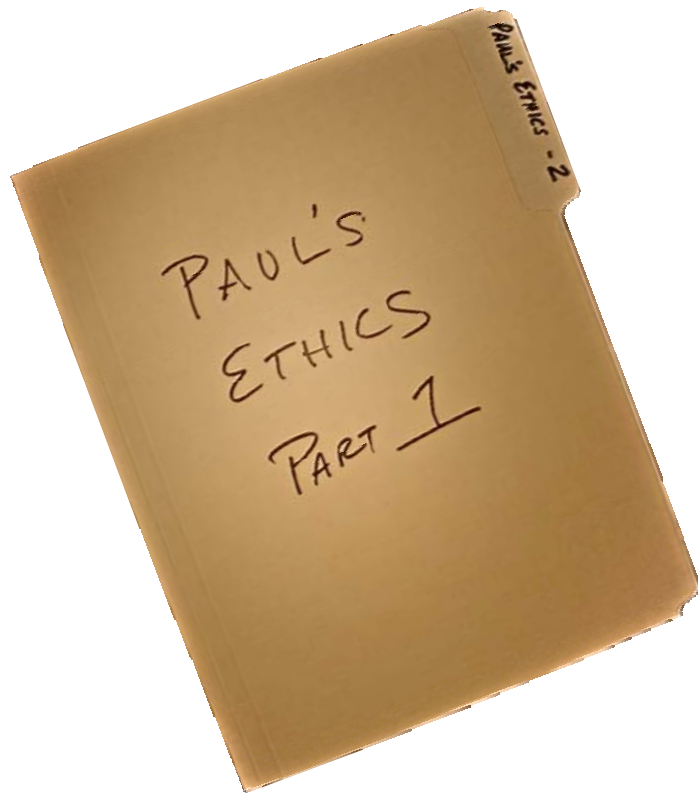


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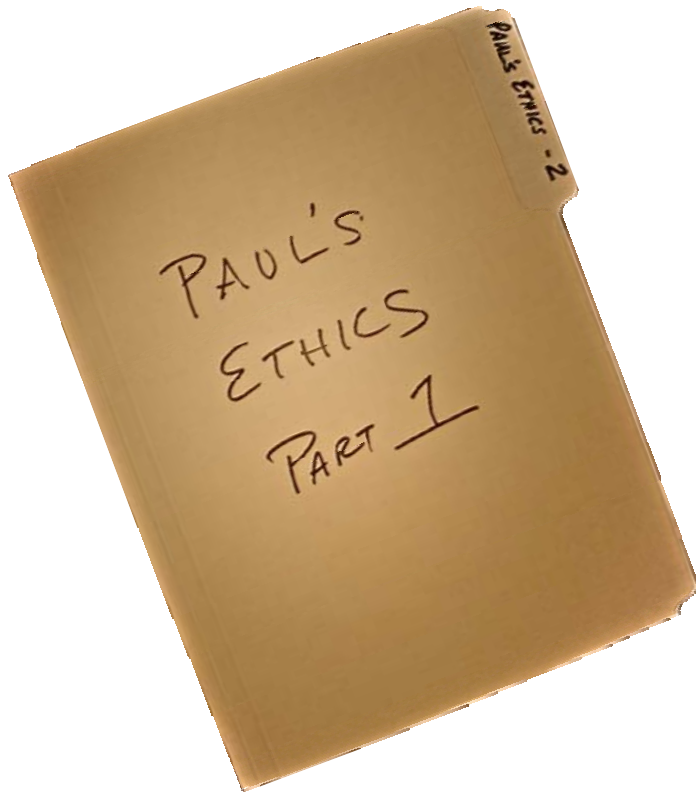
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No change! God decides when man dies



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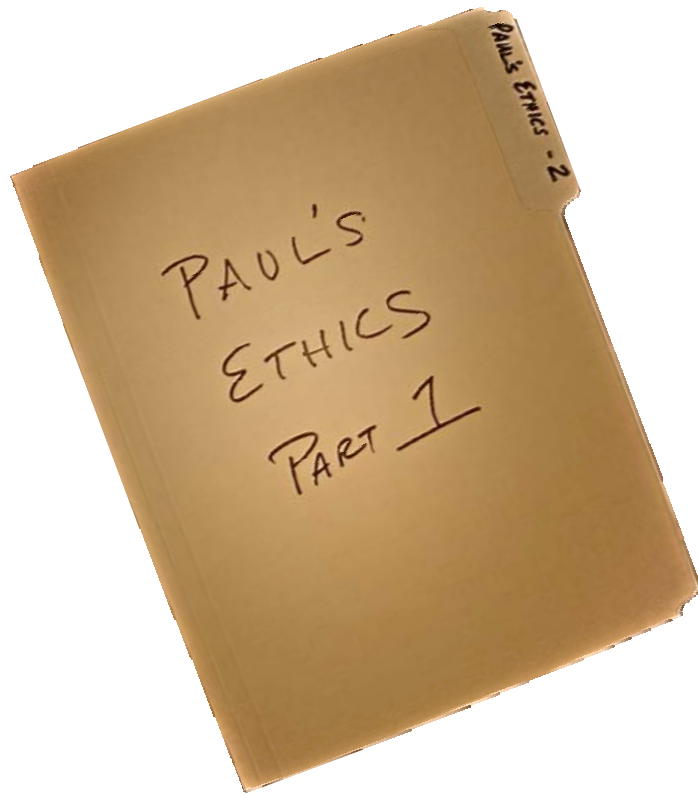
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In our fallen world,
the pure right and
wrong often have
less than perfect
expression

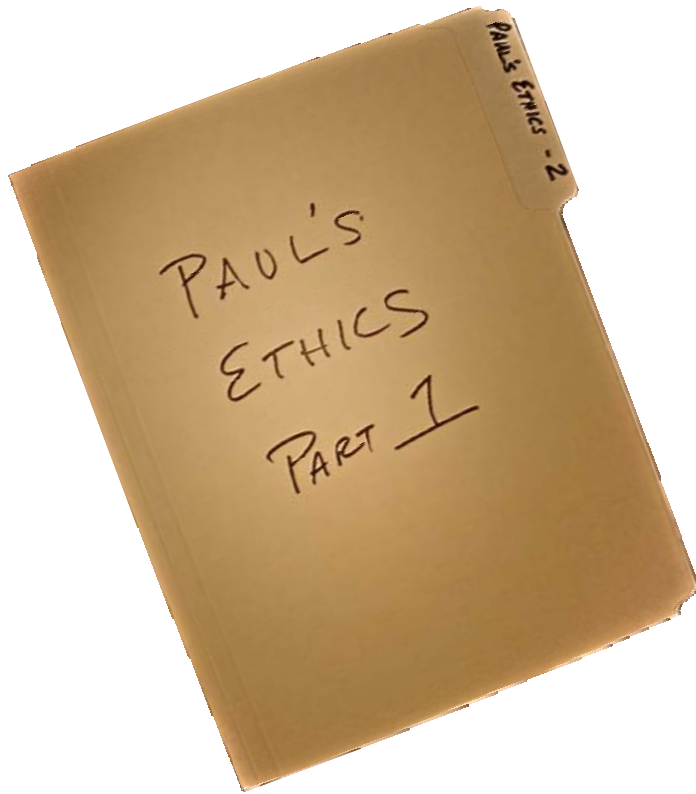




Would you hide
Anne Frank?



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We see a different
expression on
God's character as
history and cultures
unfold

To eat or not to eat?



Now to Paul!



Now to Paul!



Were ethics
simply a
checklist?

Paul knew the Old Testament had a role in right and wrong, but it was not a checklist!



Paul knew the Old Testament had a role in right and wrong, but it was not a checklist!



The OT is useful for teaching, training, correcting ...

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The OT is your temporary guardian

Think about the OT and Driver's Education



Result of Mark's Driver Ed class (Slide courtesy of Dale Hearn)



Consider the Law and the microscope



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Law as a
checklist

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Law as a
checklist

Law as an
expression
of God

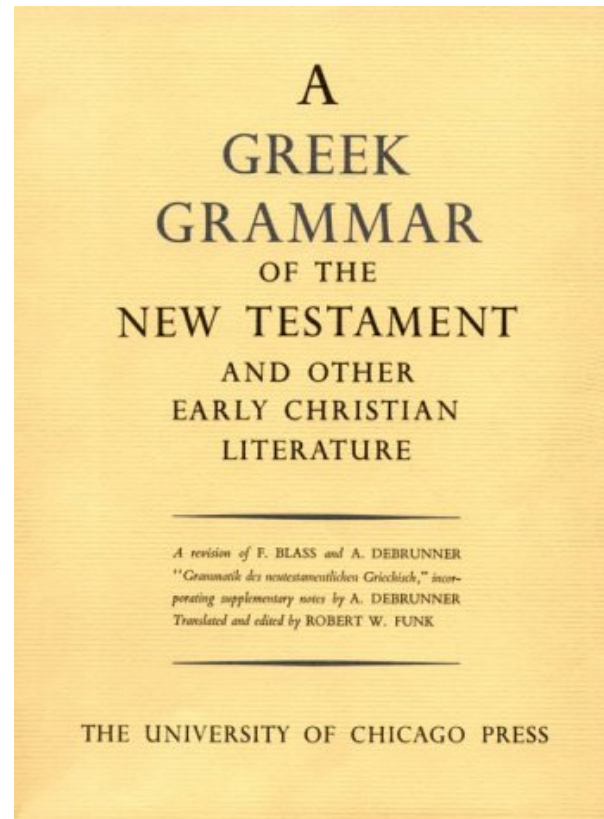
What did Paul say?



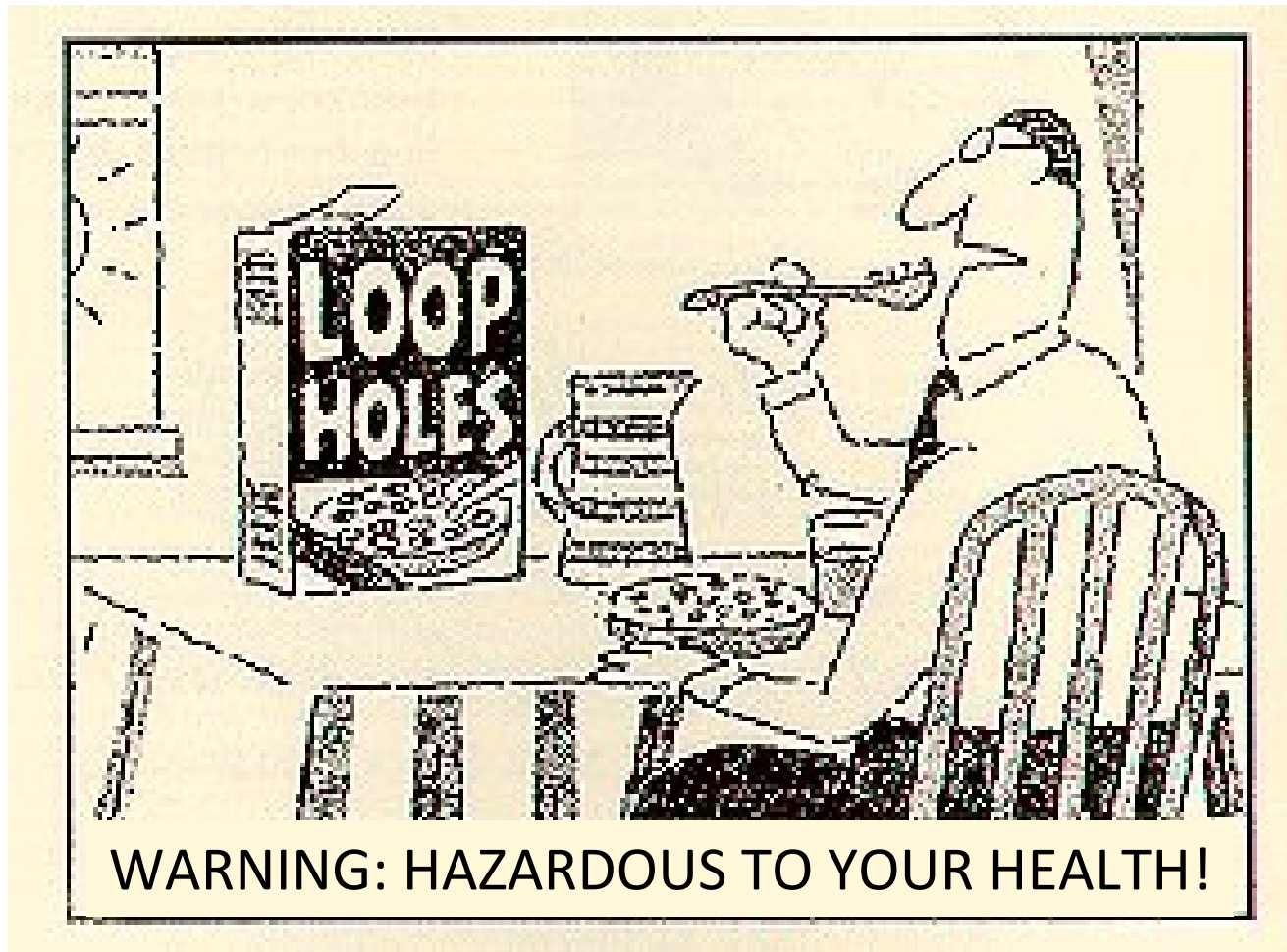
Keys to right and wrong



Do we have time for grammar?



Does Paul give us a loophole?

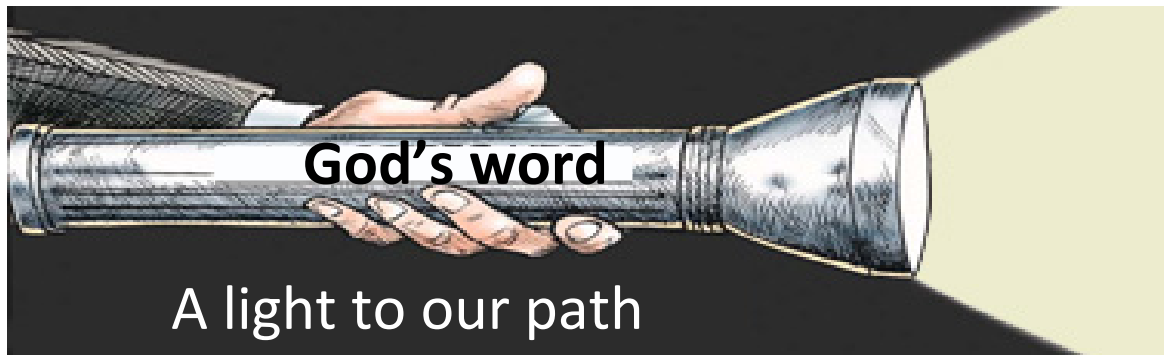






You broke the bonds
and you loosed the
chains
carried the cross of
my shame – all my
shame –
You know I believe it.
I still do..
But I still haven't
found what I'm
looking for.



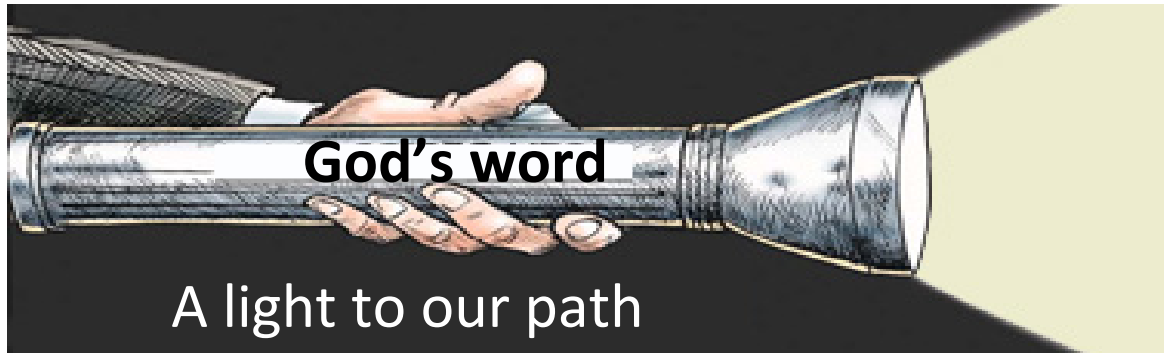


Points for Home



"Be imitators of God"

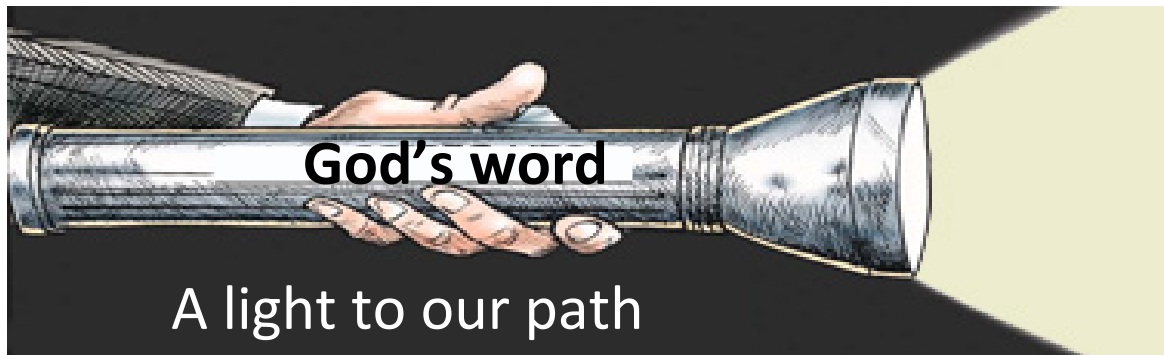
(Eph. 5:1)



Points for Home



*“Love is the fulfilling of
the law”*
(Rom. 13:10)



Points for Home



"If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit"
(Gal. 5:25)