

Series: The Case for Christianity
Scripture: James 4:12
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IS THERE SUCH A THING AS RIGHT AND WRONG?

(Don't force your morality on me!)

I. The Problem "of" moral relativism.

- A. *What is moral relativism?*
It is a _____ viewpoint on moral issues. In other words, when it comes to moral rules – principles of right and wrong – it's up to the subject, the _____, to decide.
- B. What does moral relativism hold?
Moral relativism holds that there are no _____ valid moral principles. It means there are no _____ moral rules. Morality is a _____ choice.

Examples...

- C. Moral relativism is biblical! It's biblically _____!
Judges 2:7-19
Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.
- D. What affect is moral relativism having on our society?
1. We are becoming moral _____.
2. We are becoming morally _____.

II. The problem "with" moral relativism.

Four fatal flaws of relativism...

1. Relativists can't accuse others of _____.
2. Relativists can't _____ their morality.
3. Relativists can't hold meaningful _____ discussions.
4. Relativists can't promote _____.

III. How do we respond to moral relativism?

Three tactics...

First – show how moral relativism is _____.

Second – show them their own _____.

Third – make the issue _____.

IV. What is the alternative to moral relativism?

We are faced with only two possibilities: moral _____ or moral _____.

The important question is this: "If there are moral absolutes, objective moral rules, _____ did they come from?"

Isaiah 33:22 For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver...

James 4:12 There is only one Lawgiver and Judge...

The conclusion...

Either we live in a world where morality is _____, or we are _____ before a holy God and we face His judgment and we desperately need His _____.

Acts 13:38-39 "Brothers! Listen! In this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins! Everyone who trusts in him is freed from all guilt and declared righteous..."