

Christian Ethics or Christ Ethics, Part 4

“Value”

- I. Value influences the Church far more greatly than we have ever imagined
 - a. Value is the property of objects, physical or abstract, representing a degree of importance
 - b. Physical value and abstract value

- II. Relative value versus absolute value
 - a. Relative value is subjective and is dependent on individual and cultural views
 - b. Absolute value is philosophically absolute and independent of individual and cultural views
 - c. Matthew 6:26; Matthew 10:31; John 6:63; John 10:29

Notes:

~Scripture references: I Corinthians 1:17; II Corinthians 2:14; I Timothy 4:8; James 1:26; I Peter 2:4—Scriptures that prove God’s absolute value

- III. Job 28:13—“Man does not comprehend its worth; it cannot be found in the land of the living” (NIV)
 - a. Based on relative value, man does not know his or her own value
 - b. Psalm 119:140—the absolute Word of God is pure
 - c. God is absolute—He sets the moral code
 - d. The Christ Ethic is found in the Word of God

Notes on the illustration:

~Scripture references: Isaiah 44:24; Isaiah 49:1; Jeremiah 1:5; Jeremiah 20:17; Acts 20:24

Questions for thought:

1) What is the value of life?

2) What is God's absolute value concerning life?