

# Paul – His Theology



Ethics – Part 3

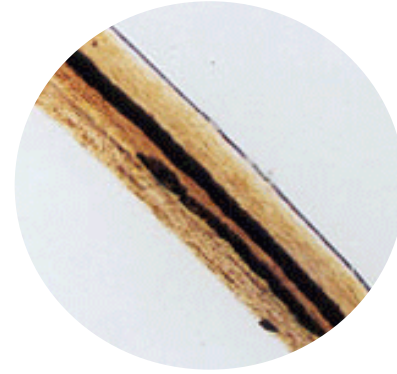
## Lesson 37

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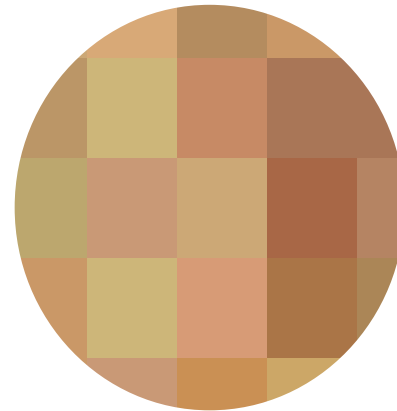
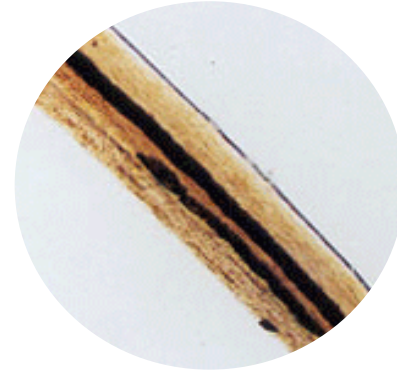
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# The importance of perspective

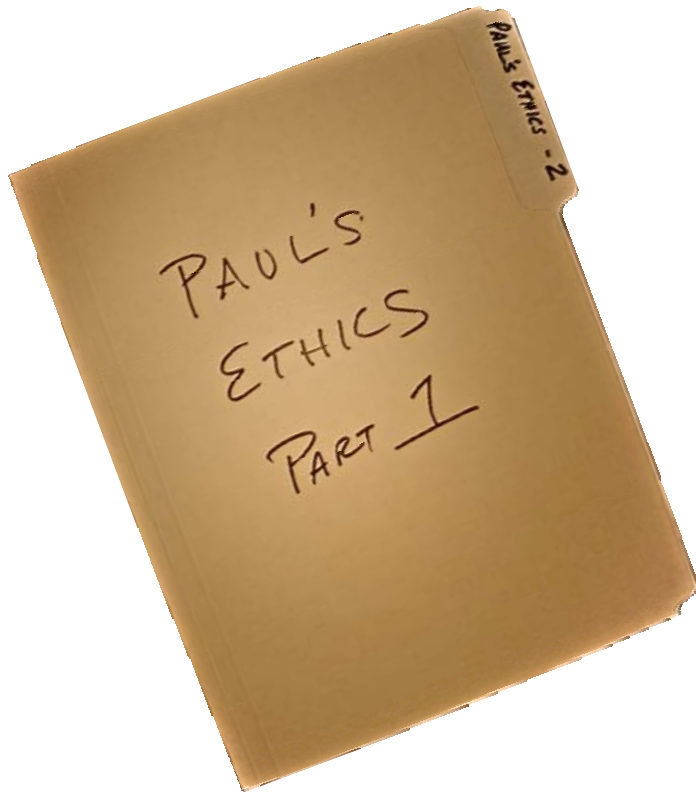




## Brief Review of Lessons 1 and 2

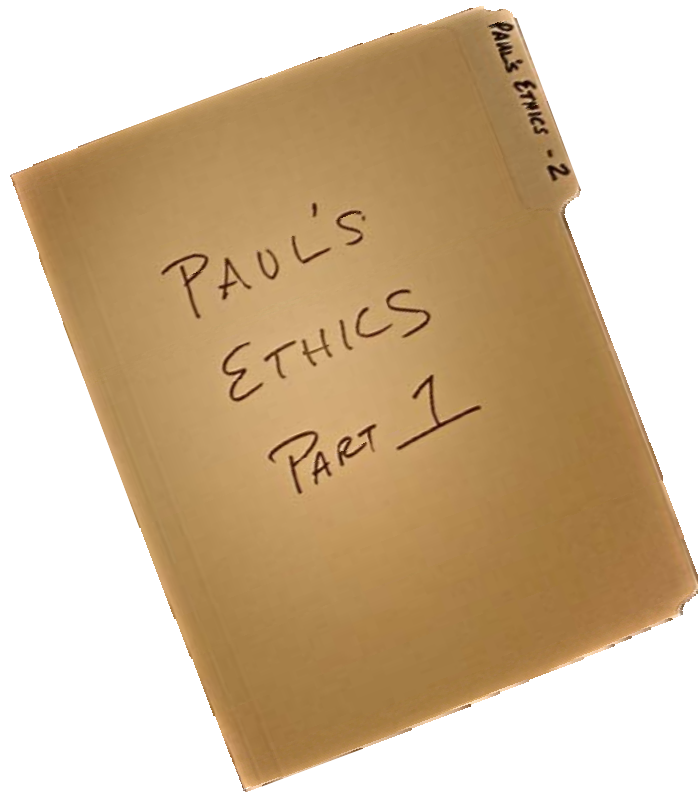
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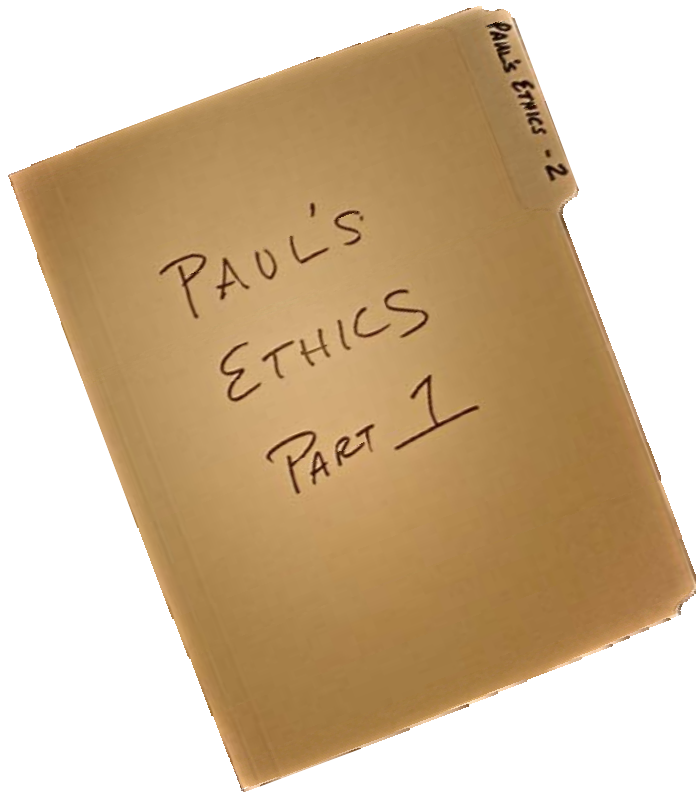
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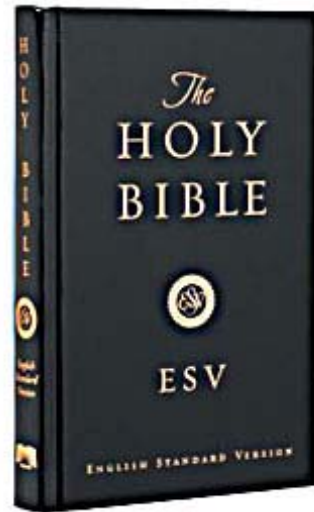


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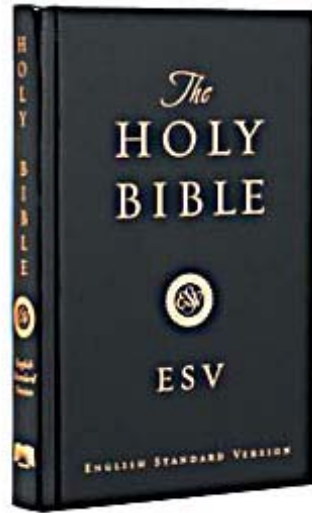
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“habit, custom  
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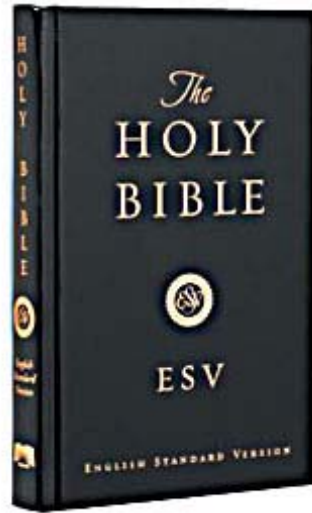


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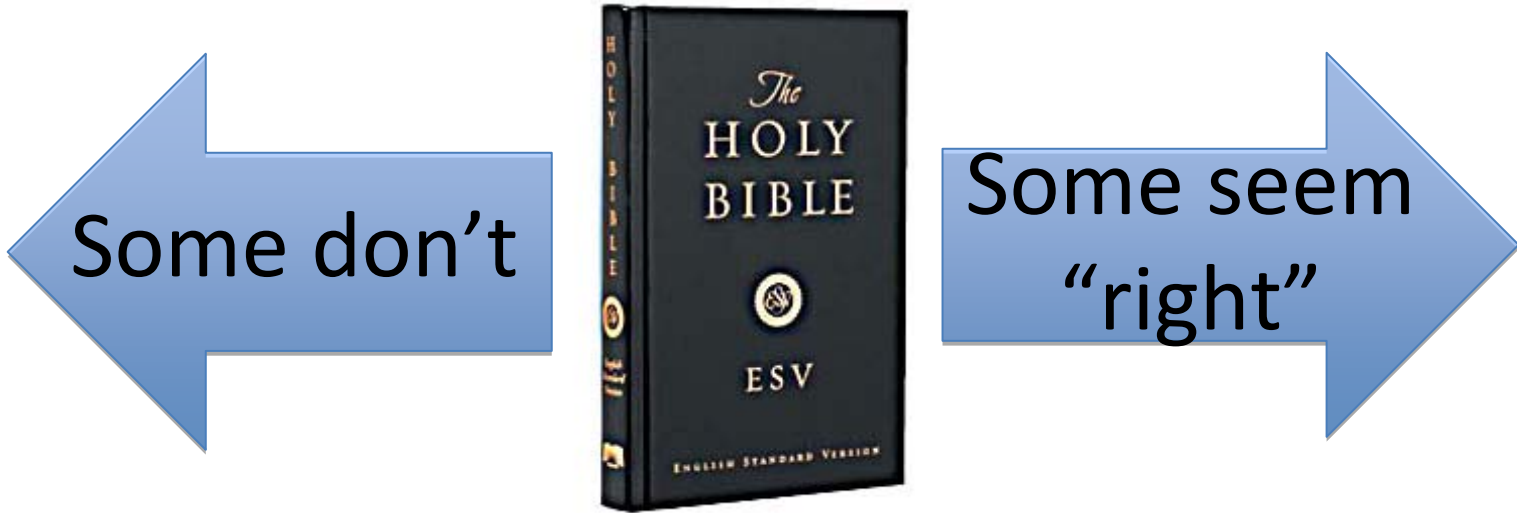
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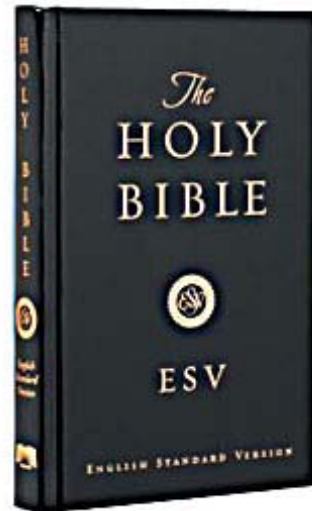
Dt. 6:5 "Love the Lord your God with  
all your heart and with all your soul  
and with all your might"

# Biblical Ethics

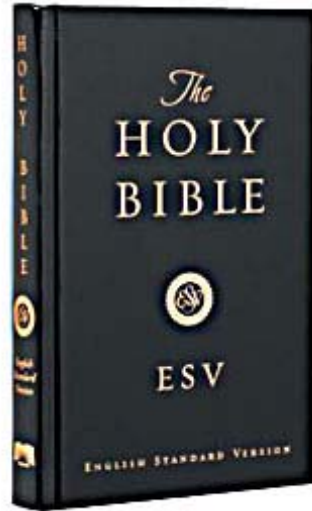


Destroy every man woman and child  
in Ai (Josh. 8)

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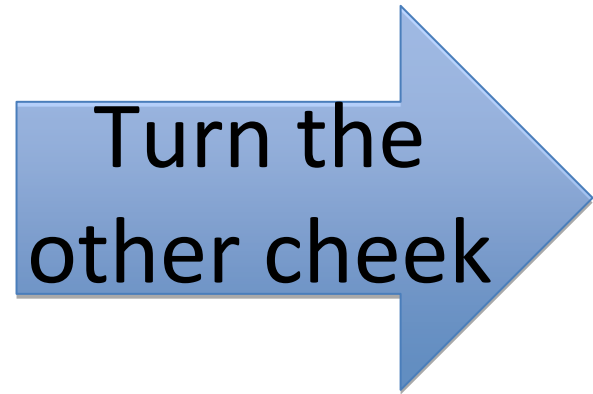
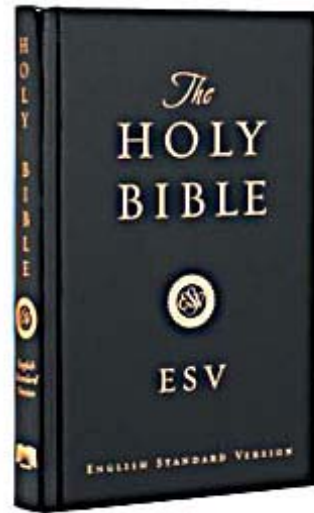


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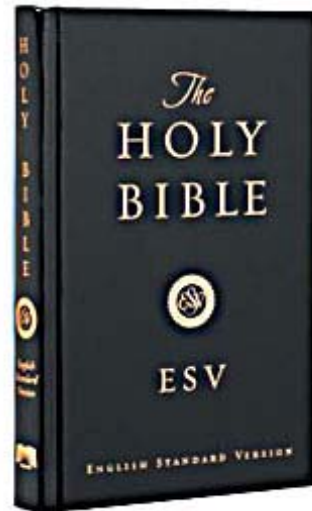




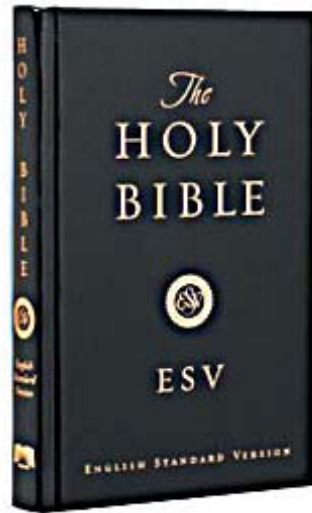
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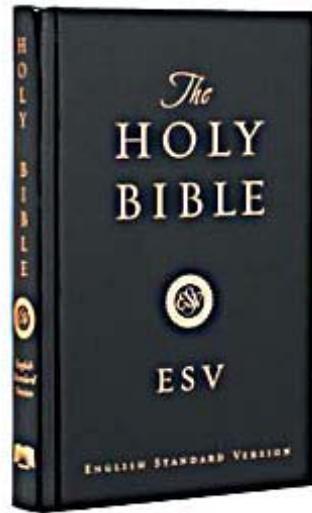
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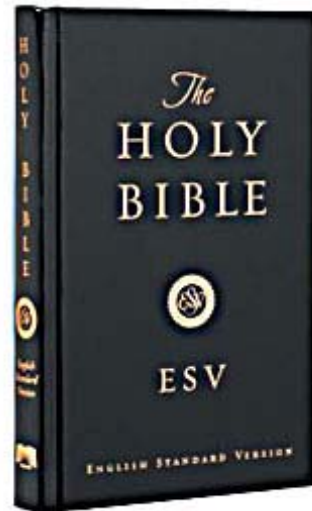
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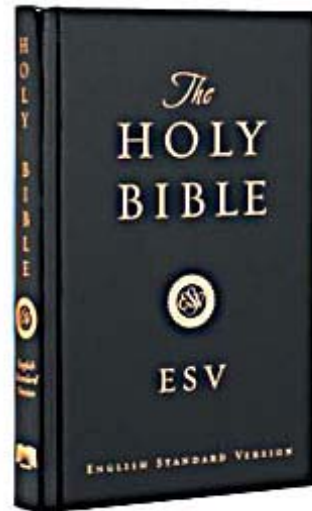
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Don't braid  
your hair

How do we decide “right” and “wrong”?

# Absolutes are not always apparent



Time and culture  
do make a  
difference

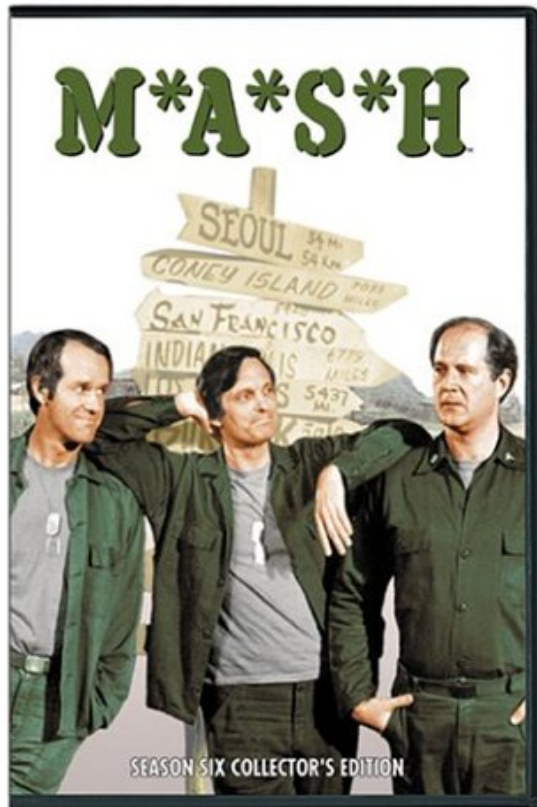


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In a fallen world, the pure best is not always available

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Doctors choosing  
who to save?

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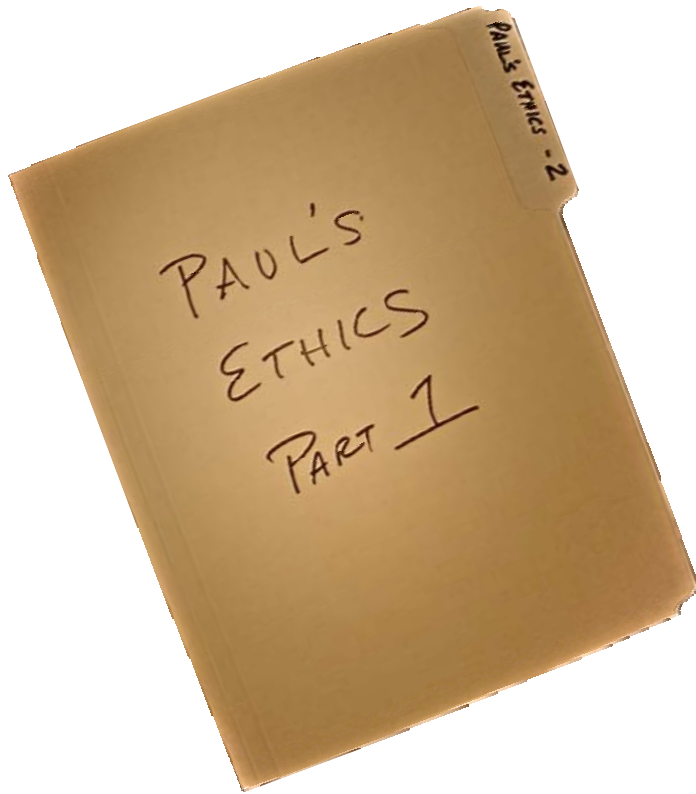
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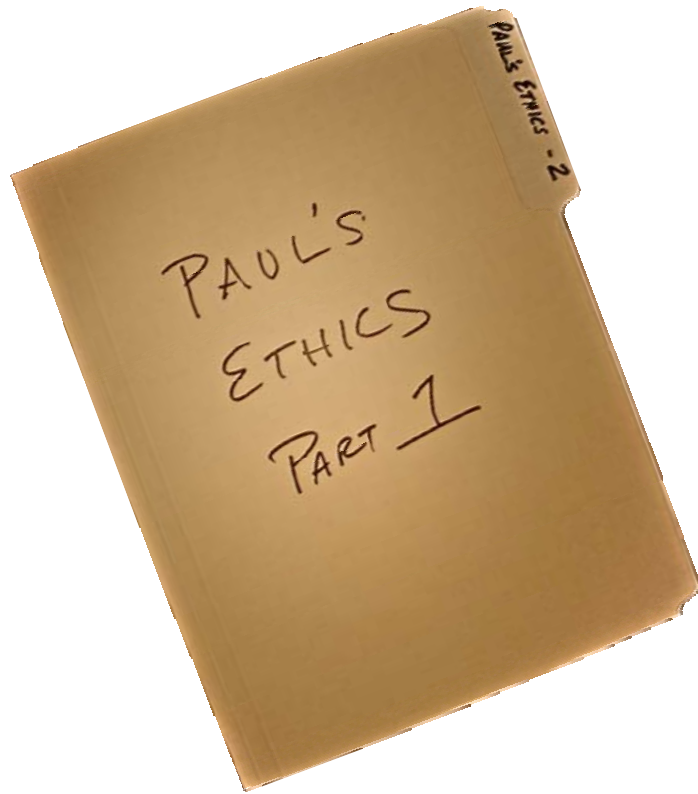
“Then why did Moses allow divorce?”

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measuring stick for  
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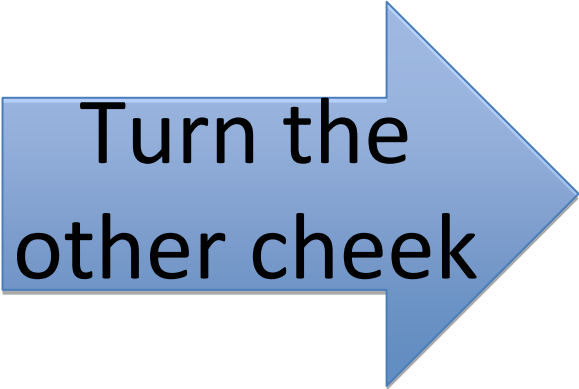
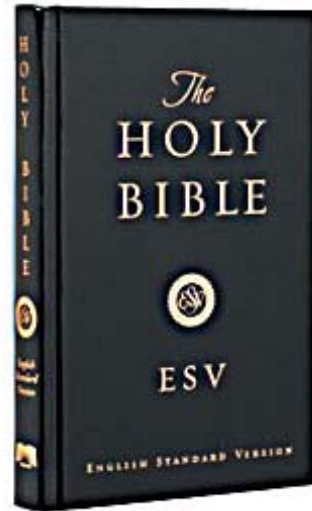
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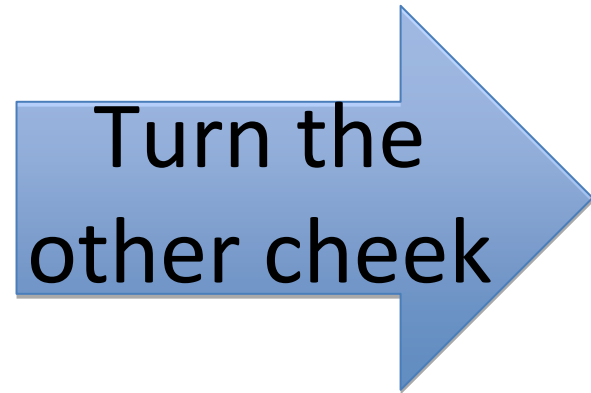
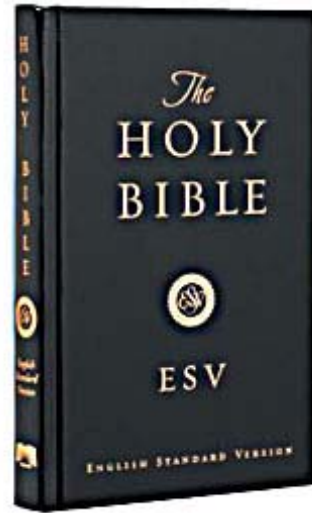


Kill all at Ai

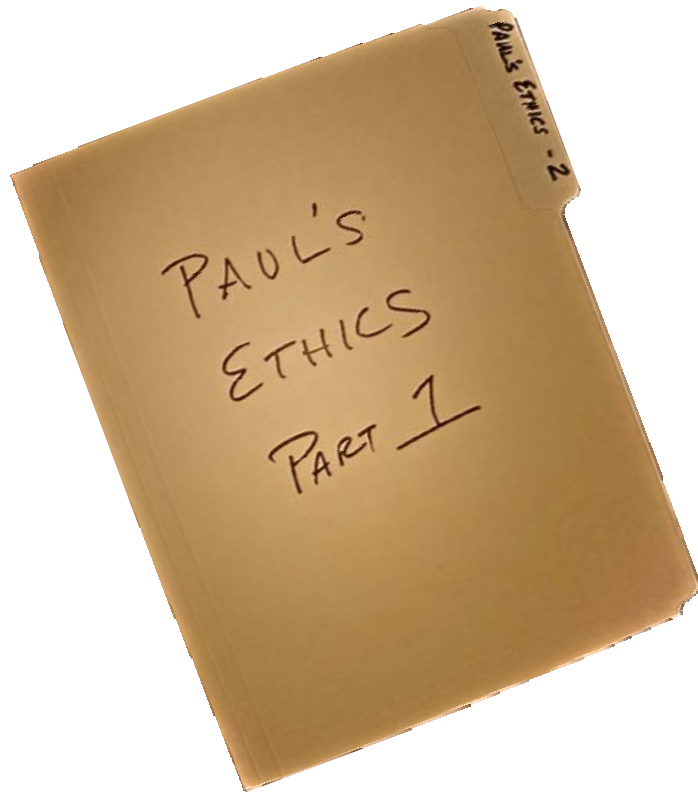


Turn the  
other cheek

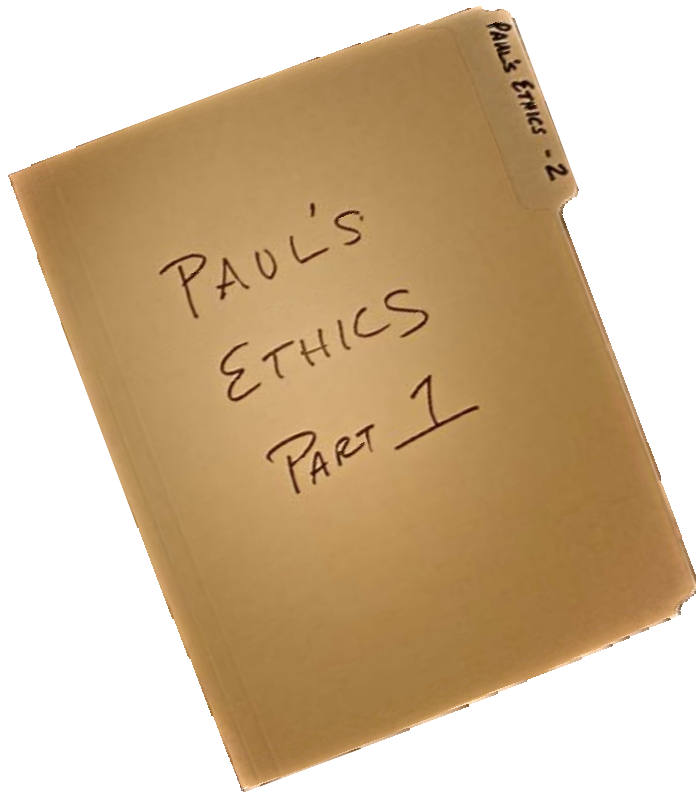
# Did God change?



No change! God decides when man dies



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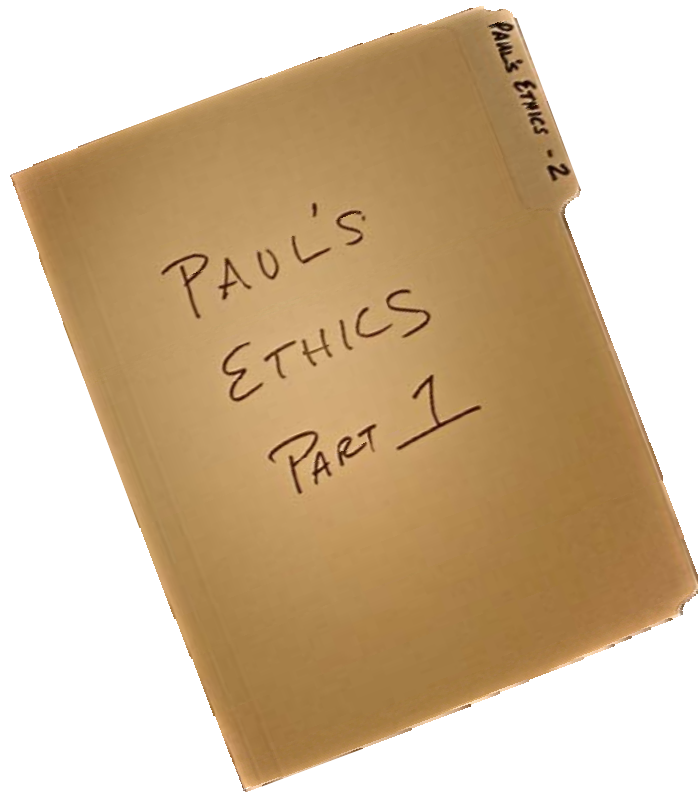
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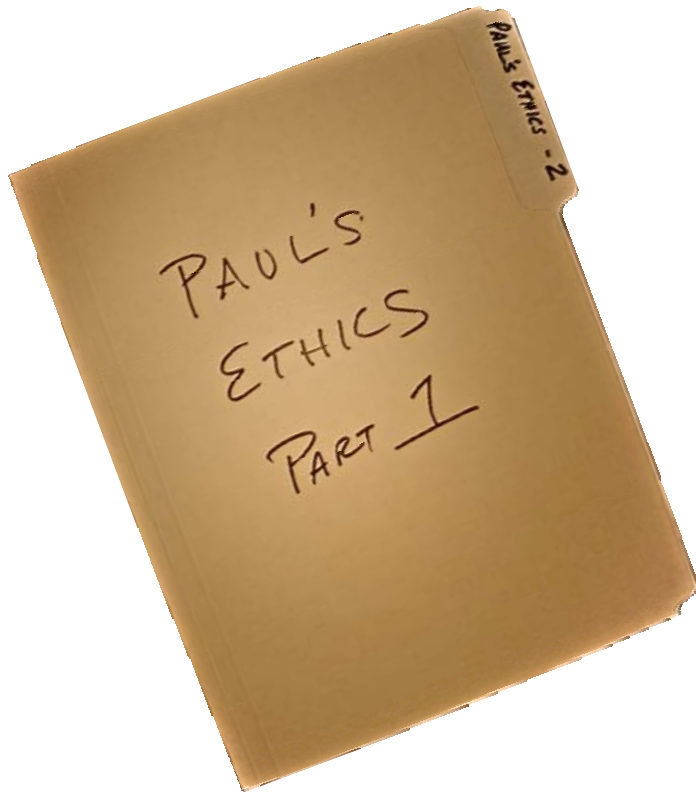




Would you hide  
Anne Frank?



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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!



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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  
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Law as a  
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Law as an  
expression  
of God

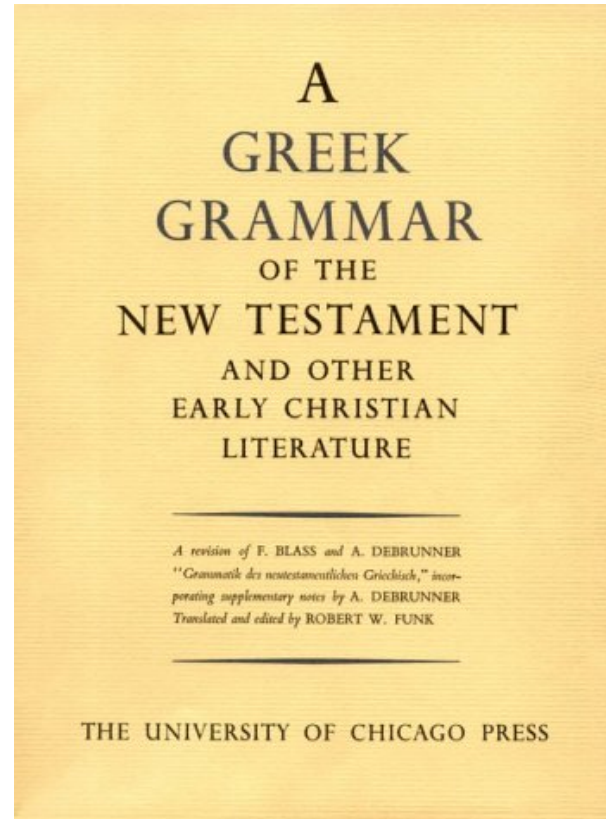
# What did Paul say?



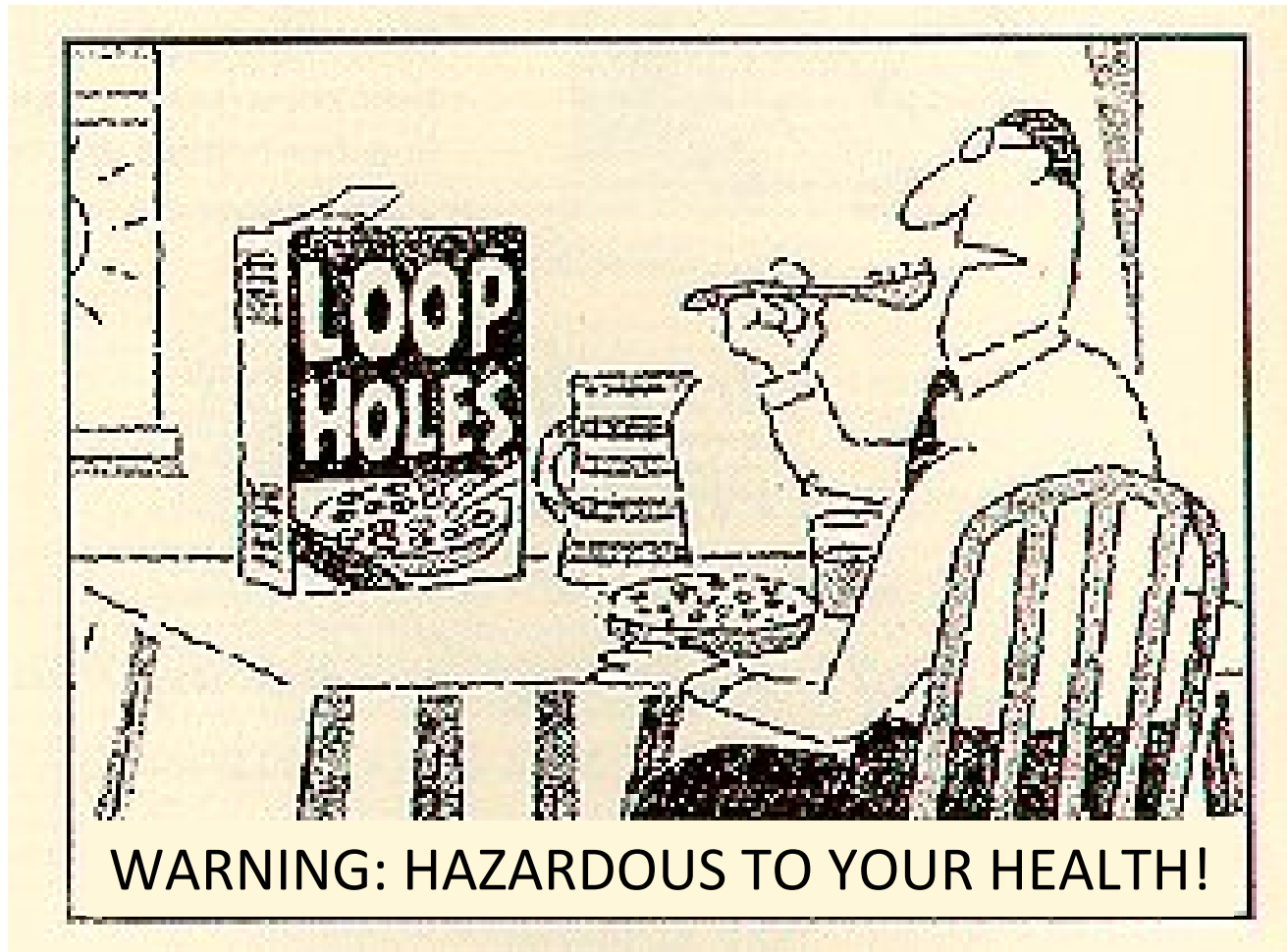
# Keys to right and wrong



# Do we have time for grammar?



# Does Paul give us a loophole?



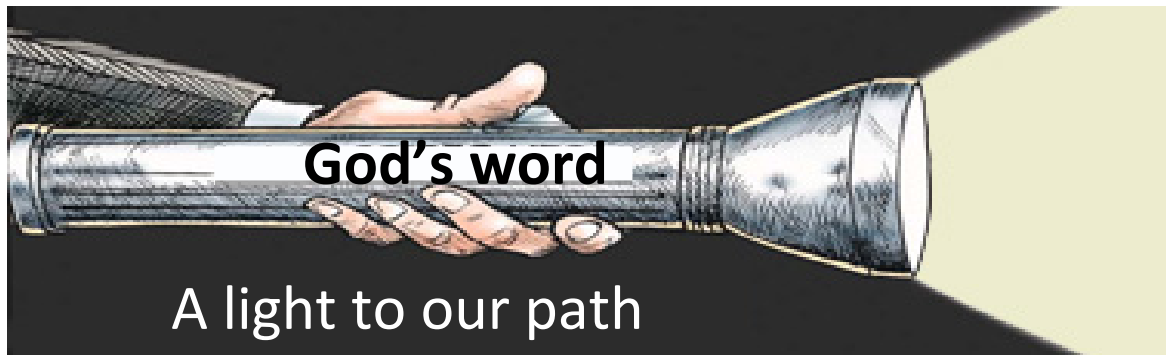






You broke the bonds  
and you loosed the  
chains  
carried the cross of  
my shame – all my  
shame –  
You know I believe it.  
I still do..  
But I still haven't  
found what I'm  
looking for.





A light to our path

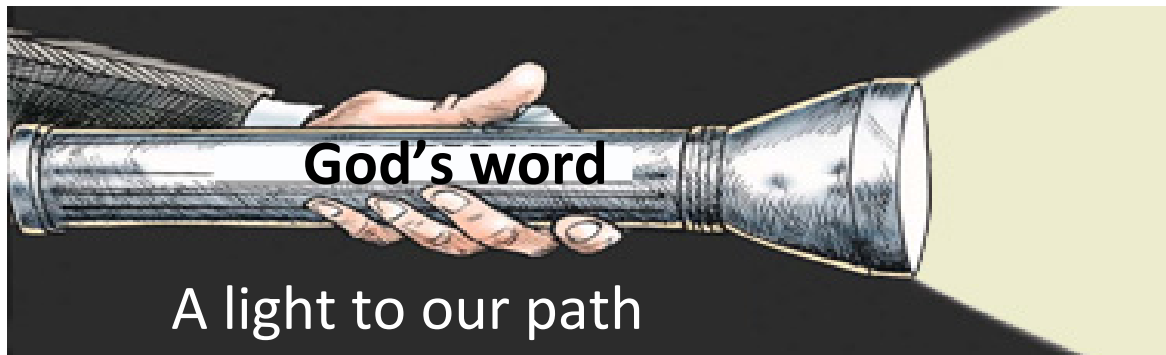
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*“Be imitators of God”*

(Eph. 5:1)

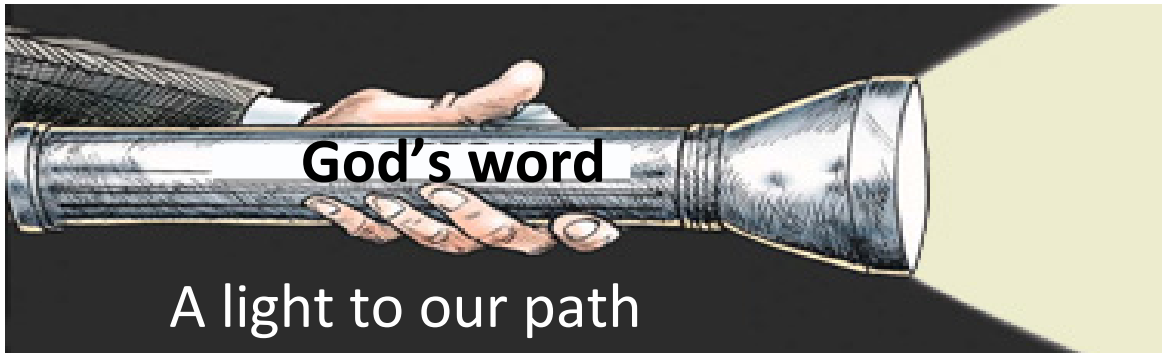


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*“Love is the fulfilling of  
the law”*  
(Rom. 13:10)



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