



QA: Did Jesus Teach Absolute Values? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: Jesus didn't teach "absolute values," did He?

ANSWER: In mathematics, the "absolute value" of a number or integer is its distance from zero. There must be an absolute beginning point for numbers to have value. So also with humans.

1. JESUS CHRIST WAS THE SACRIFICE FOR AN "EVERLASTING COVENANT" AND MAKES CHRISTIANS "COMPLETE IN EVERY GOOD WORK TO DO HIS WILL."

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (**Hebrews 13:20-21**)

- a. "Complete" means "to make ready, equip" and describes Jesus' body that God gave Him (**Hebrews 10:5** - "prepared"). A different term complements this and applies it to Scriptures:

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**)

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. (**Philippians 2:12-13**)

THERE IS NO "GOOD WORK" NOT PRESCRIBED IN SCRIPTURE!

- b. "Well pleasing in His sight" means "acceptable to God" and Jesus shows us how:

"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him." (**John 8:29**)

THERE IS NOTHING MORE PLEASING TO GOD THAN JESUS' EXAMPLE!

2. JESUS CHRIST CLEARLY STATED THOSE THINGS THAT DISPLEASE GOD:

And [Jesus] said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man." (**Mark 7:20-23**)

Since "all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world" (**1 John 2:15-17**), and Jesus "was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15), THEN WHAT "MORAL VALUE" DID JESUS NOT UNDERSTAND OR ADDRESS? HE LIVED A "COMPLETE" LIFE WELL PLEASING TO GOD, AND IDENTIFIED WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO GOD SO PEOPLE COULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A CHANGE!

3. HOW "ABSOLUTE" DOES THIS SOUND?

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God. (**John 3:19-21**)

IF YOU CANNOT MORALLY TELL "LIGHT" FROM "DARKNESS," THEN GET YOUR MORAL EYES CHECKED WITH SCRIPTURE! How "absolute" must something be to be recognized?

—- jtpll, June 13, 2021