

**Isaiah 5:20-21 —“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!”**

**Woe! The Lord is issuing a warning to those who would pervert His truths and turn them into evil.**

**Sometimes it is a slow obscuring of the line between what is right and what is wrong.**

**Isa. 5:18-19** (Chaldee translation: “Woe to those who begin to sin by little and little, drawing sin by cords of vanity., these sins grow and increase until they are strong, and are like a cart-rope.”)

- Homosexuality in the '60s was wrong
- In the 70's it was a sickness
- In the 80's, it was an alternate lifestyle
- Now it is said that people are born that way and thus it is natural.
- **Gen. 3:1** — The first question in the Bible was an attempt to obscure God’s truth.

**In our permissive society, we are told there are no moral absolutes, but that’s nothing new:**

- Judges 21:25
- John 18:37-38

**What are some sources of evil influence in our lives?**

- Our own flesh
  - John 3:19
- Our friends
  - Prov. 14:12
- Movies, TV, magazines
  - 2 Cor. 6:17
- News outlets
- So-called ministers
  - Luke 17:1-2

It is a shame when Christians allow the world to set our moral standards for us!

1. Who determines what is good and what is evil?
  1. If no one is in charge, then everyone is in charge.
2. What evil do some people call good?
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  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
3. What good do some people call evil?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.

### Sin, Natural, Conditional, or Freedom of Choice?

Abortion (Ex. 20:13; Jer. 1:5)	Divorce (Matt. 19:9)	Adultery (Ex. 20:14; 1 Cor. 5:1)	Rejecting Christ (2 Thess 1:8-9)
Murder (Ex. 20:13; Rom. 1:29)	Lying (Ex. 20:16; Col. 3:9)	Killing Homosexuals (Ex.20:14)	Pedophilia (Mark 9:42; Luke 17:2)
Homosexuality (Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:24-26; Lev. 20:13; Matt. 19:5)	Racial Prejudice (Acts10:34-35; James 2:1)	Gay Marriage	

**Pedophilia:** Pedophilia is a psychiatric disorder in which an adult or older adolescent experiences a primary or exclusive sexual attraction to prepubescent children, generally age 11 years or younger. The International Classification of Diseases (ICD) defines it as a sexual preference for children of prepubertal or early pubertal age.

- What do you think of these definitions of pedophilia?
- Is pedophilia sin or sickness?
- If it is a sickness, are pedophiles responsible?
- Homosexuality used to be defined in similar terms. Will pedophilia be accepted as “normal”?
  - Jer. 2:19

**Jeremiah 23:14 — “I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.”**

Are these statements true?

**Joel Osteen:** “Instead of living guilty, condemned, focused on past mistakes; declare, ‘I am forgiven. I am redeemed. I’m wearing a robe of righteousness. God is pleased with me.”

**Bryant McGill:** “The love and attention you always thought you wanted from someone else is the love and attention you first need to give to yourself.”

Matt. 15:9

Romans 1:18-32