

RE Monday 8th February

How do Christians know what is right and wrong?

Some of the ways that Christians learn about what is right and what is wrong in their faith, is through the Bible. The Old Testament mentions the Ten Commandments and the New Testament has many stories in it demonstrating how Jesus behaved, acting as a role model for others; the stories that He told that demonstrate the values that matter to God, for example, The Good Samaritan; and examples of thoughts, prayers and letters from some of Jesus' followers, for example Paul's advice to believers.

- 1) Have a **read** of these examples below and **think** about the **main messages** they give and how they advise Christians to live their lives:

The Ten Commandments:

1. Trust God
2. Worship Only God
3. Use God's name with respect
4. Keep the Sabbath holy
5. Respect your parents
6. Do not kill
7. Husbands and wives keep your special love for each other.
8. Do not lie
9. Do not steal
10. Do not envy others



Luke 10:25-37
New International Version

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.

"Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and

with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'^[a]; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'^[b]"

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road,

and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."



Christianity: **Saint Paul's Advice to Believers**

This Code for living comes from the Christian Bible, from Saint Paul, Romans 12:9-21 (New Century Version) Advice to believers

"Your love must be real. Hate what is evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like brothers and sisters. Give each other more honour than you want for yourselves. Do not be lazy but work hard, serving the Lord with all your heart. Be joyful because you have hope. Be patient when trouble comes, and pray at all times. Share with God's people who need help. Bring strangers in need into your homes. Wish good for those who harm you; wish them well and do not curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and be sad with those who are sad. Live in peace with each other. Do not be proud, but make friends with those who seem unimportant. Do not think how smart you are. If someone does wrong to you, do not pay him back by doing wrong to him. Try to do what everyone thinks is right. Do your best to live in peace with everyone. My friends, do not try to punish others when they wrong you, but wait for God to punish them with his anger. It is written: "I will punish those who do wrong; I will repay them," says the Lord. But you should do this: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him, if he is thirsty, give him a drink... Do not let evil defeat you, but defeat evil by doing good."

2) In your topic book:

Write the date and title: How do Christians know what is right and wrong?

Explain in your own words the main messages that the Parable of The Good Samaritan and Saint Paul's Advice to Believers give to Christians.

The Parable of The Good Samaritan teaches Christians to...

Saint Paul's advice to believers suggests that they...

3) Using **all three of the texts** above, make a **list of values** that are mentioned or inferred e.g. 'Do not steal' might be promoting the value of honesty.

Some Christian values that are promoted in the Bible:

- respect
- love

