

Christian Morality Summer Scripture Assignment

Due Date Monday 9/14/2026 To be submitted to your Morality teacher.

Foundational Principles of Biblical Morality

- Image of God: Humans have inherent dignity, created to reflect Divine goodness.
- The New Law: Jesus perfects the Old Testament's Ten Commandments through the Beatitudes and the Commandment of Love.
- Freedom and Truth: Freedom is choosing the good, with truth liberating the human person.
- Virtuous Living: Focuses on developing character through theological and cardinal virtues

Foundations of Catholic Morality in Scripture

- The Law of Love: Scripture highlights the two-fold commandment: Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, **and** Love your neighbor as yourself.
- The Ten Commandments: These constitute the foundational, revealed moral laws defining our relationship with God and others.
- The Beatitudes (Matthew 5): Jesus provides the core of the New Law, outlining a life of virtue, humility, and righteousness.

READ the following Sacred Scripture passages from the Bible.

- Matthew 22: 34-40 (Law of Love)
- Matthew 5: 3 - 10 (Beatitudes)
- Exodus 20: 2 - 17 (Ten Commandments)
- Matthew 25: 31 - 46 (Final Judgement)
- Isaiah 5:20–23 (Moral behavior)
- Romans 12:2 (Will of God)
- Philippians 4:8 (Moral behavior)
- 1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (Moral behavior)

After reading the Sacred Scripture, discuss the following questions:

- 1) How do the Scripture passages support the "***Foundational Principles of Morality***"?
- 2) What lessons can we learn about Morality from these passages?
- 3) Discuss 3 ways a Junior in high school can live out these Biblical Principles.

The word count should be no less than 400 total for all 3 questions.

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The following link is to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops teaching on Morality.

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/morality#:~:text=They%20are%20gained%20by%20a,engender%20other%20sins%20and%20vices.>