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# Understanding Good and Evil

*Building a Life on Christian Ethics, part 2 of 6*

*Psalm 119:68 "You are good, and do good; teach me Your statutes."*

*Romans 2:14-15 "For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup>who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them"*

*("Remember, at the back of all human morality stands God." Oswald Chambers)  
("God cannot give us a happiness, good, and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing." C. S. Lewis)*

1. **Who Decides WHAT 'GOOD' Means?** (*Deut. 32:3-4*)
  - \* From GOD comes His standard of goodness, His standard of beauty, and His standard of truth. All things "good" are measured by His standard of goodness.
  
2. **Then WHERE DOES EVIL Come From?** (*Genesis 1:31*)
  - \* God did not make evil. Evil is the ABSENCE OF GOD and His goodness. (*Romans 5:12, Revelation 21:4-5*)
  
3. **What are THE RESULTS of Evil?** (*Genesis 2:17, Ezekiel 18:20*)
  - A. SPIRITUAL Brokenness
  - B. PSYCHOLOGICAL Brokenness
  - C. RELATIONAL Brokenness
  - D. STEWARDSHIP Brokenness
  
4. **God Has COMMUNICATED What is Good!**
  - A. The INTUITIVE Moral Law (*Romans 2:14*)
  - B. The REVEALED Moral Law (*Romans 7:7*)