

# Christian Morality

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# Human Rights

- Basic human rights are enshrined in such documents as the UNITED NATIONS CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS and the CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS. These documents provide for such rights as the right to life, to be free, to be equal before the law, to marry, to freedom of thought, religious belief, to obtain an education, to have a nationality . . . .

# UN CHARTER OF RIGHTS VS THE BIBLE

- All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood
- Article 1
- If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself,” you are doing well
- James 2:8

- Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status . . .
- There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus

• Galatians 3:28

- Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person

### Article 3

- No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms

### Article 4

- If your brother becomes poor beside you and sells himself to you, you shall not make him serve as a slave

Leviticus 25:39

- No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

## Article 5

- He delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and needy, and saves the lives of the needy. From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight

Psalm 72:12-14

- Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law

Article 6

- All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law . . .

Article 7

- Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

## Article 10

- You shall not pervert the justice due to the poor in his lawsuit. Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and righteous, for I will not acquit the wicked. And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe binds the clear-sighted and subverts the cause of those who are in the right

Exodus 23:6-8



- No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

Article 12

- They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree and no one shall make them afraid

Micah 4:4

- Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.

Article 16

- Let marriage be held in honor among all and the marriage bed undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and the adulterous.

Heb. 13:4

- Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others
- No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property

## Article 17

- Do not move the ancient landmark that your fathers have set

Prov. 22:28

- Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

### Article 18

- One man esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.

Romans 14:5

- . . .In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and general welfare in a democratic society

## Article 29

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. . .

Romans 13:1

# God's requirements

- He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

- Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the widows and the fatherless in their affliction and to keep oneself unspotted from the world

James 1:27

# God expects a believer to develop and exercise self-control

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed

1 Peter 1:13

So then, let us now be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled . . . Since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate , and the hope of salvation as a helmet

1 Thessalonians 5:6