

Christian Ethics: Where Life and Faith Meet Author: Russell A. Morris

In *Christian Ethics: Where Life and Faith Meet*, author Russell A. Morris opens chapter one with a powerful statement that sets the tone for the rest of the chapter. Morris submits, “Apathy is a dominant trait within the church of the 21st century. This is evident not only in a diminished zeal for evangelism but also in the lack of commitment to biblical guidelines in determining behavioral and lifestyle practices”¹ In his quest to give readers a glimpse into this profound statement he provides pertinent information on what are the underlying factors that have created the influx of apathetic mindsets among believers. On the whole, Morris examined data compiled from a variety of surveys conducted among evangelicals to clarify his observations. Throughout the chapter Morris discusses the results of the surveys that leaves one to realize there is a common thread that is self-evident. Many in the church have strayed away from the basic tenets of what it means to be a sold-out Christians for Christ. In many ways some have adopted more of the world’s view than totally adhering to God’s commands and mandates. It is also apparent from his discussion that the various negative worldviews such as materialism, individualism, humanism, pragmatism, hedonism, and atheism have been deciding factors in causing aloofness for truth.² Negative worldviews have caused countless people to embrace their diverse tenets and as a result have skewed their understanding of The Holy Trinity and the true essence of holiness according to God’s plan. In actuality many have adopted the ideology that God warned the Israelites about in Deuteronomy 8:1-19 before He brought them into the promise land. Morris reminds his readers that the numerous challenges the church is facing will increase but there is always hope. (Matthew 16:18)

¹Russell A. Morris, *Christian Ethics: Where Life and Faith Meet* (Bloomington, Indiana, WestBow Press, 2015), xiii.

²*Ibid.*, 4, 5.