

The background is a grayscale marbled pattern with swirling, wavy lines. A horizontal band of white space runs across the middle. Overlaid on this is the number '10' in a large, teal, sans-serif font. To the right of the '10' is the text 'TEN COMMANDMENTS' in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a teal outline.

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Negative

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TEN COMMANDMENTS

Positive



Negative



Negative



**Old Testament
or
maybe just OLD**



Negative

Restrictive



Negative

Impersonal



Negative

Legalistic



Negative

Judgmental



Negative

Dead Religion



Negative



Pharisaical / Holier than Thou



Negative

“Inconsequential”



Negative



“Don’t tell me what to do!”

Negative

In 1980 in ***Stone vs. Graham***, the Supreme Court declared posting the Ten Commandments is unconstitutional because they are “plainly religious” and violate the “Lemon Test”...

...from ***Lemon vs. Kurtzman*** (1971) which stated that any religious content that did not have a ‘secular purpose’ was unacceptable in a public forum under the ‘Establishment Clause’ of the First Amendment.

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First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution

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Positive



Guidelines for the good life!

Positive



A reflection of God's holiness

Positive



Basics of being a decent human

Positive



God's blueprint for life!

Positive



Positive values... 'consequential'.

Positive



Points us to Jesus

Positive



Laws reflect a lawgiver.

Positive



Psalm 119:93 & 142

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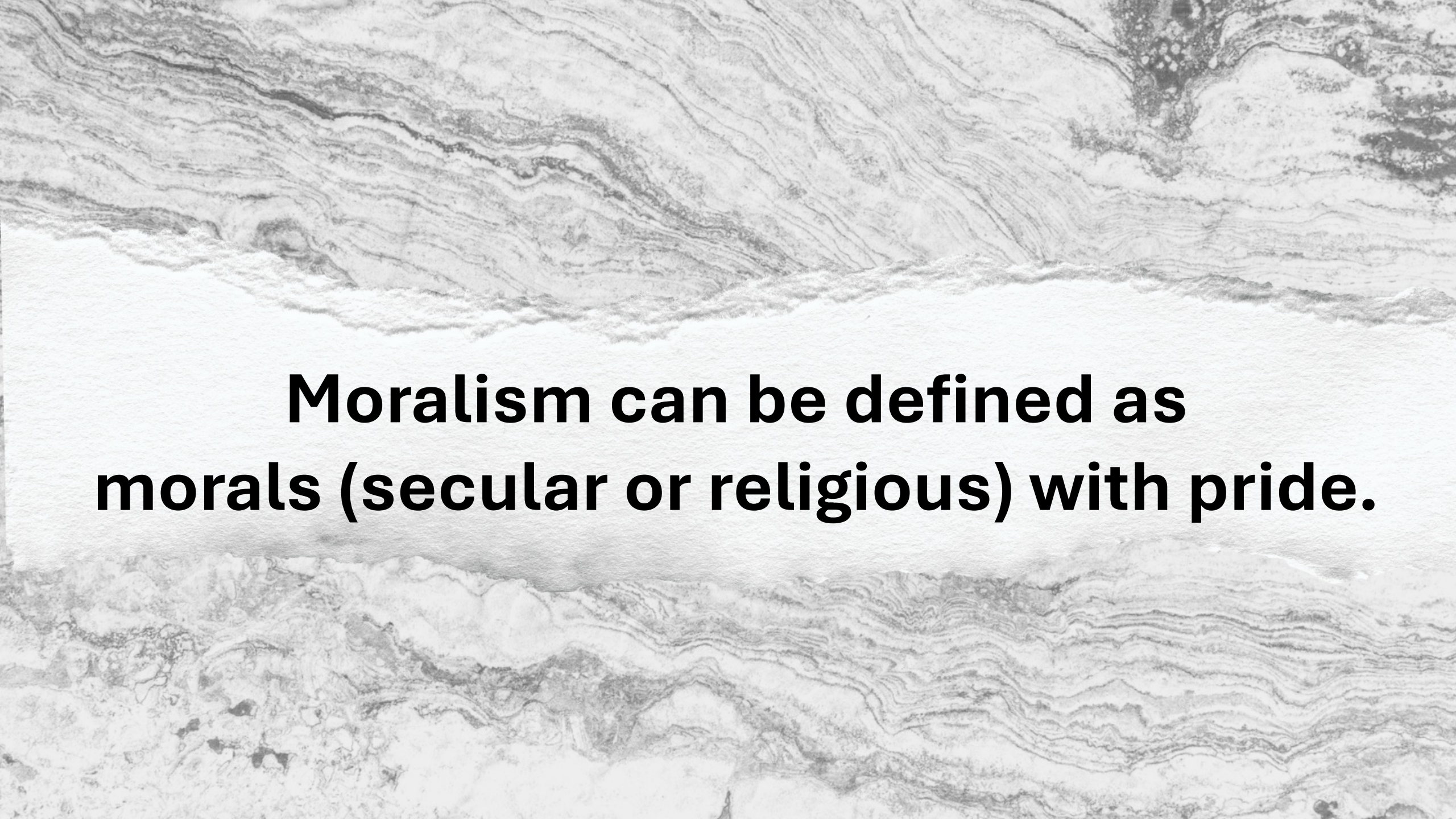


The Ten Commandments

(and every other commandment in the scriptures)
are moral but they are not 'moralism'...
...they are training in 'righteousness'.

The background of the image is a piece of marbled paper with a complex, wavy pattern of grey, black, and white lines. In the center of the image, there is a large, white rectangular area. Overlaid on this white area is the text "Righteousness can be defined as biblical morals without pride." in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**Righteousness can be defined as
biblical morals without pride.**

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**Moralism can be defined as
morals (secular or religious) with pride.**

Moralism vs. Righteousness

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**...and sits amidst the call to
a life of maturity and sanctity (chapter 19).**

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**Think of the
implications.**

1

**Have no other
gods before Me.**

2

**Have no graven
images.**

3

**Do not take
God's name in
vain.**

4

**Remember the
Sabbath.**

5

**Honor your
father and your
mother.**

6

Do not murder.

7

**Do not commit
adultery.**

8

Do not steal.

9

**Do not bear
false witness.**

10

Do not covet.

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.....because we have broken every one of these commandments and need a redemptive solution to the moral dilemma in our messy lives.

