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*“right”, “righteous”, “righteousness” &  
“just”, “justify”, “justification”, “judgment”*

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These bring about “approval” or “condemnation” of either oneself or others

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We inhabit a moral Universe, populated by moral beings, *i.e.* men and angels

What's the difference between Morality and Ethics?

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Man is culpable, for he knows better than to pervert the knowledge of His Creator,  
*Rom. 1:19-23*



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God's system of ethics, *Rom. 2:17-3:8*

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This culminates in God's universal condemnation of sinful man because of man's universal guilt—***Rom. 3:9-20***

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God's "*ethic*" (*Law*) is never an instrument of justification—it universally condemns

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See man's critical need of Justification, is coupled with his utter inability to effect it!