

Conscience

Clean or Corrupt

Hebrew 9:1-15

Hebrews 9:1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

Hebrews 9:2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

Hebrews 9:3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

Hebrews 9:4 Which had the golden censer; and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;

Hebrews 9:5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

Hebrews 9:6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

Hebrews 9:7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood,

which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

Hebrews 9:8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

*Hebrews 9:9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, **as pertaining to the conscience;***

Hebrews 9:10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. Redemption Through the Blood of Christ.

Hebrews 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Hebrews 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

The book of Hebrews is probably the most neglected book in the New Testament. It is the only one of the Epistles that begins with the Divine name of God in the first sentence of the book. In the first chapter in verse one it says:

Hebrews 1:1, 2 “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, ²Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;”

These two verses are an introduction to the thirteen chapters that follow. They explain to us, that God has given a revelation of salvation and service in two stages.

The **first stage** was preparatory; it shows the **old covenant**, was only for a short time, and now it is completed –fulfilled.

The **second stage** is final in Jesus Christ and through the revelation of Jesus Christ, it shows the **New covenant**.

The believers who have accepted Christ, are warned all through this book not to return to the economy of the first covenant. **Don't go back to the ceremonial law.** That law was a school Master, to give us a better relationship with God. To bring us to Christ. It was a time of teaching. God in His patience spent four thousand years drawing for us illustrations and pictures of the future, so that now in the New Testament days in the **“Christian dispensation”** we can look back to the Old Testament and draw from that, this new relationship with Christ, that indeed makes everything **better**.

As a matter of fact, **BETTER** is a key word to this little book of Hebrews. **“Better”** is used thirteen times in the thirteen chapters.

“We have a BETTER sacrifice!”
“An opportunity for a BETTER relationship.”

And one of the doctrines which this book reveals to us, is found here in this ninth chapter; with a comparison of the Old Testament way, and the new testament way in **verse nine** and **verse fourteen**, of chapter nine.

Hebrews 9:9 “.... the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sac-

rifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience.”
And then look at verse fourteen:

Hebrews 9:14 “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

We find a word in Hebrews that is used thirty two times in the New Testament— that word is “***Conscience***”.

It speaks of the Conscience of the one giving the sacrifices, and the ordinances, and offerings of the Old Testament; and it says that his Conscience was pretty much moved by a keeping of those ordinances, being sure that everything was set properly, and done correctly within the temple. If the High Priest violated the Holy of Holies without offerings for his own sins, he was struck dead in that Holy of Holies.

In Hebrews the heavenly sanctuary and the work of atonement is set forth, and **in the New Testament the Lord likens our body to the temple of God**, and asked us for **complete surrender of the will** so that the Holy Spirit can move upon our hearts showing us the **straight and narrow path** of **obedience**.

In the Old Testament you don't even find the word 'Conscience.' You find the word **heart** - a man's heart being pricked, the heart being moved, but in the New Testament, with this very unique word "Conscience" which is used thirty two times, it becomes apparent that inside of each and every one of us, there is something going on to stimulate us to a greater relationship, to greater works, an opportunity to know more than just the formalities of the sacrifices and the traditions of Christianity.

***Hebrews 9:14** "How much MORE shall the blood of Christ, who, through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your **CONSCIENCE** from dead works to serve the Living God?"*

Yes, every time you see "**Conscience**" your talking about **salvation** and service as it relates to **sin in the life** of a man.

How can a Professed Christian go on in the light of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in his heart, with the law written upon his heart, with the school Master of the Old Testament in his hand, **how can a Professed Christian go on and on in sin? seemingly undisturbed by those sins?** The older I get the more I see Christians who can fall into deep sin, and seemingly have no conviction, or not be bothered by their Conscience. How can

those who are sent as “spy’s” to plant seeds of doubt among the true people of God, continue as servants of Satan? Professing something they are not. Is there no conscience left in them?

2Corinthians 6:2 “...now *is* the accepted time; behold, **now is the day of salvation.**”

Professed Christians who by the coarse of sin, “the worldly way” have allowed their Consciences to become deadened, so that they **no longer recognize “sin as sin,”** and instead of doing the service of God, these people are serving sin, serving Satan, in their physical bodies. They have set up the ruler of this world as their god. The Devil !

WHAT IS THE CONSCIENCE?

The first thing that I would like us to note is the characteristics of Conscience! What is our Conscience anyhow? What does this word mean? In the Greek the word just simply means “moral consciousness.” The Root word means a “Co-precep-tor” **“Something down deep inside of each of us that perceives the Moral Law, the Law of Exodus 20, the Ten Commandments.”**

Here is a very accurate definition of “Conscience”

Webster’s 1828 ‘Judgment of right and wrong; or the faculty, power or principle within us, which

decides on the lawfulness or unlawfulness of our own actions and affections, and instantly approves or condemns them.... Conscience is first occupied in ascertaining our duty, before we proceed to action.'

“Conscience is an intuition of Moral Law!”

Conscience somehow has read the moral law, and understands basically those things which are right, and those things which are wrong.

Conscience has built into it an intuitive knowledge of God, as a Supreme Being. Every man recognizes that there is some sort of Eternity after this life. There is something else other than just these few years that we spend here on this planet. And so man's Conscience begins to deal with him as a Co-preceptor.

(In-Other-Words—Conscience is a teacher of the moral Law)

From birth onward- each person has that prompting of the Holy Spirit of God upon his conscience, softly urging him.- ***“This is the way, walk ye in it!” Isaiah 30:21***

The Old Puritans called the Conscience “The Court of the Soul.” They said that there were three things very obvious about the Conscience:

#1. **It is Judicial!** No sooner is a decision made than follows the judgment of the Conscience. Favorable, or unfavorable! Guilty, or Innocent. As the Scripture says, “Accusing or Excusing” our faults, our decisions, and our actions. *Rom 2:15*

#2. **It is Punitive!** (*Awarding or inflicting punishment*) Oh, what judgment and pain a wounded conscience can give to an individual ! What satisfaction a well taught, well trained Conscience exposed to the Spirit of God and the Word of God can bring to the heart of the believer. The Conscience, the seat of that peace that passeth all understanding to a man that has a right relationship to God.

#3. **It is predictive!** Those old Puritans said that it is predictive, and it is! Conscience will make the right decision unless it has been rendered corrupt or deformed.

4 **It is Universal!** it sits in judgment over every thought and every word, and every decision that we make.

Sin without, awakens echoes of a still small voice, within!

Romans 2:14, 15 *For when the Gentiles, (In other words this is speaking of the pagan or the lost man) which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the*

*law, are a law unto themselves: ¹⁵Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their **conscience** also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;”*

Here the Apostle Paul said to the church at Rome; **Even those who are lost without Christ have a Conscience!** and that Conscience sits in judgment on their thoughts and actions. **Accusing or Excusing!**

***2 Corinthians 1:12** “For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.”*

Here again Paul is saying to the church at Corinth, **“We have the TESTIMONY OF OUR OWN CONSCIENCE!”**

***4SP 401** “Wherever the “divine precepts” are set aside, sin ceases to appear sinful, or righteousness desirable. Those who refuse to submit to the government of God are wholly unfitted to govern themselves. Through their pernicious teachings, the spirit of insubordination is implanted in the hearts of children and youth, who are naturally impatient of control; and a lawless, licentious*

state of society results. While scoffing at the credulity of those who obey the requirements of God, the multitudes eagerly accept the delusions of Satan. They give the rein to lust, and practice the sins which called down judgments upon the heathen."

What about the testimony of YOUR Conscience today? Is your Conscience at rest or at peace, telling you that the decisions that you are making are right, and the direction that you are going is proper? The service that you are rendering is adequate!

Or is your conscience saying to you—

"You have failed in the service of God.

*You have failed in recognizing the wonderful
gift of salvation.*

You have failed in your prayer life,

You have failed in your scripture studies; and

You have failed in your witnessing!"

What is going on in the Court of Your Soul today? As your Conscience accuses or excuses you? As your Conscience gives a testimony of your daily walk and relationship with Jesus Christ and your daily service to God?

Well here is one of the major problems: Our Conscience can become corrupted by our **own WILL! SELF WILL!**

*1 Timothy 4:1,2 “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times (that’s today, my friends) some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ²Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their **conscience** seared with a **hot iron**;*”

It was a medical practice in those days, to stop bleeding where someone had been wounded or cut, by heating an iron 'til it was red hot, and touching the end of that iron to that open wound until it was seared. There was a problem with that however; When that hot iron touched that open wound all the nerve endings were immediately killed and as that wound healed there was scar tissue; and in scar tissue there is no feeling!

Because these people were living in hypocrisy and constantly saying that they were one thing—when they were really something else, and because they were constantly lying and not dealing in the truth, their **consciences** had been seared with a hot iron of hypocrisy, until there was NO FEELING LEFT! Until the court of the soul was closed down! There was no more accusing... ONLY **EXCUSING**! — casting blame on everyone and everything else.

This is what we see going on in the ‘professed Christian’ world today. One Excuse after another. For not living properly! For not serving God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our

mind! Conscience is corrupted by the Will! Self Will!

Titus 1:15 *“Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and **conscience** is defiled.”*

YES!!, DEFILED! CONTAMINATED! FILTHY!

Is your Conscience contaminated? Is your Conscience Corrupt today? Has it been seared with a hot iron, By virtue of the fact that you have wounded it by sin, and in order to seal that wound you have touched it to the hot iron, by adding lies and hypocrisy? Until all the feeling, all the sensitivity is gone and it is just one giant scar that does nothing for you, but to excuse your deadness?

How long has it been since you acknowledged your sins instead of excusing them, or worse yet, blaming someone else?

A Conscience touched by the Holy Spirit can bring conviction!

John 8:9 *“And they which heard it, being **convicted by their own conscience**, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.”*

A Story of a woman brought to the Lord Jesus Christ caught in the very act of adultery and these men had the law on their side. They wanted to tempt and test Jesus Christ. And they said; *“Here is a woman we caught in the very act of Adultery. By the Law we can stone her to death. What say Ye?”* And the Lord said, *“Let him that is among you without sin, cast the first stone.”* And then the Court of the soul went into session!

As Jesus stooped and wrote in the sand, one by one, from the eldest down to the youngest that court rendered a judgment in the heart of each of those men until they were finally all gone and Jesus alone remained with this sinner. As these men, many of them probably for the first time in years— listened to their conscience recount the evil deeds done in the flesh. Until they were overwhelmed with the conviction of sin, and recognized they could not cast the first stone! They were guilty of sin.

1888 810 *“Can we not understand that the most costly thing in the world is sin? It is at the expense of purity of conscience, at the cost of losing the favor of God and separating the soul from Him, and at last losing heaven. The sin of grieving the Holy Spirit of God and walking contrary to Him has cost many a one the loss of his soul.”*

A Conscience that is trained properly in the scriptures and yielded to the Holy Spirit; THAT Conscience brings conviction and makes you aware of your failures and your sins.

So we see in the characteristics of our Conscience, It can control our walk, It can be corrupted by our will, it can bring conviction, BUT ONLY IF properly trained.

The second Major thing I want you to see, are the conditions of our Conscience. If we are to make a diagnosis here today of whether we hold a clear Conscience, a pure Conscience before God. Or whether we have a corrupted Conscience that has lost it's ability to bring conviction; lost it's ability to recognize wrong, and is only exercised in the area of making excuses for our sins. We've got to look at these conditions which our Conscience can be in, and recognize how it gets there.

FIRST-of all; we could have a good conscience today.

Acts 23:1— “And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.”

The Definition of the word ‘good’ here means virtuous, or righteous. You must “Choose” to have a good Conscience! Then strive to do right!

2nd— But there are those that have a weak Conscience.

*1Corinthians 8:7 “Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with **conscience** of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their **conscience being weak is defiled.**”*

The word ‘WEAK’ - meaning strength-less or sick. Sick because it is beaten down. Defiled. A Conscience is defiled if you are constantly beating it down. Batter and beat Conscience until it becomes weakened to the point that it cannot make a proper decision, and the sinful way will become the easy wide road straight to Hell. You cannot continually sin against your Conscience and not weaken it, not defile it. Not have it become inactive, weak, strength-less.

3rd—There is also an EVIL Conscience.

*Hebrews 10:22 “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an **evil conscience**, and our bodies washed with pure water.”*

An **Evil Conscience** or **Wicked Conscience** —is a Conscience controlled by Satan. The KEY to

this Conscience is the Devil! He has taken complete control of some people's Conscience. **Their Conscience is EVIL!** Well that is the exact opposite of what Paul said he had. For he held a good Conscience. Whereas an evil Conscience is ALWAYS leading us to do wrong.

An Evil Conscience is the kind of Conscience which says to a man: **“Well, what's wrong with this music? Sounds alright to me and I like it! And it FEELS GOOD!”**

Ahhhh! Anything that **feeds the flesh is of Satan!** And so that Conscience always reasons with feelings, with wickedness, with failure in mind because it is a Conscience led by the Devil for the gratification of SELF.

Here in the book of Hebrews we are told that we should draw near to God, with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled with a good Conscience; with the blood of Christ. Not with an EVIL Conscience; and our bodies washed with pure water! That is a symbol of the Holy Spirit! But there are some people who's Consciences have been so controlled by the Devil that it has become an EVIL Conscience, and instead of accusing it just **excuses**.

What about the court of your soul today? Can you see your Conscience continually reasoning evil? Thinking good of evil? Excusing those actions which are wrong because they feed the flesh? **If so, then your Conscience is controlled by the Devil!**

If you find any of the following applies to you...

#1-You're continually **at odds with the Bible.**

#2-Continually **at odds with the Spirit of God.**

#3-Continually **at odds with Spiritual or godly People!**

#4-Continually **at odds with any controls that would bring righteousness into your life**

Then you hold a evil Conscience !!!!!

There is nothing worse than a perverted court, that takes bribes to give a wrong decision. To reason against Right and Righteousness. And yet today the world is filled with **professed Christians** that allow the Devil to control their Conscience. **Excusing** their **attitudes** and **excusing** their **actions** and **excusing** their **frailty of the flesh** and their **refusal to serve God!**

4th— There is a guilty Conscience,

***Acts 2:37** “Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to*

the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Among those present were the Sanhedrin. He is speaking to the religious leaders of Israel. They heard the testimony of the Apostles, Peter and John; and Peter said...

Acts 2:38 *"...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...."*

Luke 16:13 *No servant can serve two masters:*

The Apostles reply: "Should we obey you or God. No matter what you do, we are going to continue to teach, and preach in the Name of Jesus Christ!" And these leaders were pricked in their Consciences— this word "heart" is the same as saying, "Conscience." They were brought under conviction, in the Court of their souls or Conscience.

And when they heard Peter and the other Apostles speak, their Conscience was pricked, and they said, we're in a straight betwixt and between. What do we do?

This same thing will happen to some of you today. God's Holy Spirit will prick your Conscience; you may make a decision as these men made to go on ahead and overrule their Conscience and carry out their evil judgment, and beat the Apostles for preaching and teaching in the name of Christ. But you will come to the same

failure that they came to! With all of their power, all of their authority, and all of their rulership over that entire nation. **They failed!!** Like them, though- you may say: **“I am my own person! I make my own decisions! I do my own thing! I reject this guilty Conscience that is hounding me!”** You will ultimately be brought to failure before a Holy God!

The Key word to a guilty Conscience is “Decision!” You must make a decision when that Conscience pricks you! When that Court of the Soul renders a wrong decision: “YOU ARE GUILTY!”

5th— We can have a pure Conscience.

2Timothy 1:3 “I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience,” (that means a cleansed, clear, purified, Conscience) that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;”

The **ONLY way** that we can have such a conscience is by the sprinkling of the shed blood of Jesus Christ on our wicked natures, bent toward evil We must put all of our heart, soul and strength on the stretch and plead for God to fill us with His Holy Spirit, and then work with the Spirit and agree with the Word of God, Obey the Laws and Counsels of God, until we become purified.

This Process is called Sanctification, it is our daily work. Humanly speaking we can never become pure! But God has promised to make us: *“MORE than conquerors!” Romans 8:37* With His help we can be **PURE!**

Purified by that indwelling Spirit, Softened by listening to His counsel and quickly rejoicing in **obedience to it!** We are living a life separated from the world, separated from sin, and given to the service of our God. Now to the last point of this study.

The Cleansing of our Conscience.

***Hebrews 9:14** “How much more shall the **blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot (**Without fault**) to God, **purge your conscience (wash it! Clean it up! cleanse it) PURGE your Conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**”*

Now in these last moments of earth’s history as we are in the final scenes of the judgment we are to come by living faith, into the Most Holy Place of that heavenly sanctuary and plead for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit to finish the work of purification of heart, mind and soul! This means the total purification of our Conscience!

Under the old Testament sacrifices those people served God with rituals and ordinance and washings, through those ceremonial cleansing.

Hebrews 8:6 *“But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.”*

Hebrews 9:23 *It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.*

Now, how much better, that we through the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ can have our sins washed away?!! Our Conscience can be pure. For God has promised to write His law on our hearts, convicting us of what is good and right, and righteous! This is GRACE from our Lord Jesus Christ!

“The grace that Christ implants in the soul creates the enmity against Satan. Without this converting grace and renewing power, man would continue the captive of Satan, a servant ever ready to do his bidding. But the new principle in the soul creates conflict where hitherto had been peace. The power which Christ imparts, enables man to resist the tyrant and usurper. Whoever is seen to abhor sin instead of loving it, whoever resists and conquers those passions that have held sway within, displays the operation of a principle wholly from above.” 4SP 325

How do we go about this cleansing of our Conscience.

First of all we must recognize our past and present sins!

That is what defiles the Conscience— SIN!

That's what corrupts the Conscience— SIN!

Now I am not just talking about transgression, I am talking about SIN.

Sin means— missing the mark of perfection in Christ!

The Bible says: *“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23*

1 John 3:4 “Whosoever committeth SIN transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”

We are all sinners. But to transgress the law means to **WILLFULLY disobey the law of God**. That is an act of the volition of the WILL! Not just falling short of the perfection of God, but literally setting out to live our own lives, and do our own thing, to walk our own way! Setting up SELF as an IDOL! Without asking the Lord what HE WOULD HAVE US DO! THIS IS REBELLION!

Do you recognize the fact of past and present sins in your life? David did! Here's what he said:

Psalm 51:3 "For I acknowledge my transgressions...."

He said: When I sinned with Bathsheba, I knew that I was doing wrong. I wounded my Conscience, I did not listen to the court of my soul. I intentionally, for the gratification of my flesh-violated my spirit and my own heart, and my own Conscience.

Psalm 51:3 "For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me."

He acknowledged that he had done wrong. He asked forgiveness for that Willful violation of Conscience!

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Let me tell you something else about the Conscience. If your Conscience is over sensitive, Satan can use that against you too!

If you feel pressed down by sin, and over shadowed with despondency, like a dark shadow over your soul, and you say, "*Something is wrong, but I don't know what it is!*" Let me tell you something about this so that you can understand this! If you have a tendency to have an over sensitive Conscience, and Satan uses that against you. He will plague you and worry you, and judge you, and send 'shame' after you to haunt you night and day. But he will never tell you what sin that you have committed.

David did not say: Oh, Lord; There is a possibility that I have transgressed Thy Law, and I may have fallen short of perfection somewhere. NO! He said: Oh, Lord, *“I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.”*

I KNOW what they are! I acknowledge that what I have done, I did it against my Conscience.

IF you feel a conviction in your Conscience, and your over-powered and over-shadowed with darkness and you don't know what your sin is. That is not God's Spirit of conviction, that is Satan harassing you.

What Father would set out to punish a child, and would bring that child in and spank that child, and correct that child, and discipline that child, and punish that child and when the child says: “what have I done?” the Father's replies, “I am not going to tell you!”

God doesn't work that way. If you have sinned and you have failed, you know exactly what your sin is! Because of the Conscience that God has programmed into every single human being.

You know exactly where your failure is! But if you are an overly emotional person, who has caused the Conscience to be too sensitive, Satan will also

play on that Conscience. And rob you of your joy and peace.

If your going to cleanse your Conscience today, you must think, through the power of the Holy Spirit, of those sins that you have committed against God; and exercise yourself through confession of those sins, and turning your back on them, and by claiming the shed blood of Jesus Christ to wash you from those sins.

Paul said: I try also to have a Conscience void of offense toward God AND TOWARD MEN! Let us read it.

Acts 24:16 “And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.”

We have often times wronged other men! By holding grudges, holding animosity, holding anger, holding hatred. At such times we have to cleanse our Conscience,— to cleanse our Conscience before men, as well as before God.

Not only is there the fact of past and present sins, there is the faith to patiently serve.

Hebrews 9:14 says that we are to, “purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

Many of the works of the Christians today are dead works, they are things you do ceremonially. You pray because it is time to pray. You read your Bible because it is time to read your Bible. And then you say after you have had your devotions. *"I don't get anything out of the Scriptures! I don't understand it!"* NO! It is just a ceremony with you. It is just a ritual with you! You pray the same prayer over and over and over again, until they sound like the vain repetition of the heathen. And you say, *"I never get my prayers answered"* Well, if you got your prayers answered you would have nothing left to pray about, because you only pray ONE prayer!

1 Timothy 3:9 *"Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience."*

A Conscience washed by God!

Hebrews 13:18 *"Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly."*

1John 3:21 *"Beloved, if our heart (Conscience) condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God?"*

Do you have a weak faith today? Do you have the inability to work for God, to serve God today?

It could be according to this passage of Scripture, that your Conscience is condemning you for your failures, and that your faith has become weakened, through excusing your sins, and just maybe your Conscience is defiled, until your work, your service, your Religion, your Christian profession, has become “pure ritual” and it doesn't mean a thing to you or the world around you.

I have tried for a long time to determine— What is wrong with Christianity, what is wrong with all these people who say that they love God, but will NOT SERVE GOD, and can SIN with seemingly NO condemnation?

Psalm 119:9 *“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? (Or clean up his life!!) by taking heed thereto according to thy word.”*

How can you have your conscience cleansed? By claiming that shed blood of Jesus Christ, and having it applied to your defiled, weak, corrupt guilty Conscience! Asking God, to bring back into session the court of your soul that responds to His word, and to the Spirit of God.

By confessing your sins, past and present, by dedicating yourself, to live for the service of God! By confessing these sins and claiming the cleansing power of the shed blood of Christ against those sins.

If you will but claim that wonderful, precious blood of Christ, confess your sins and turn your

back on them, and rise up, as a new man or woman in Christ Jesus! In the power of God, with a good Conscience, and with full faith that God is real! Will you silently do it right now?

Prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, We thank Thee for this subject that we have touched the surface of today, this subject of which we know so little about. This subject that Thou hast spoken to in the book of Hebrews, telling us that we can have a better situation in our life, because of the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

I pray that no person reading this booklet would be able to leave their seat today with an evil, defiled Conscience, controlled by the Devil; With a guilty Conscience, but rather would leave with a good Conscience that is demonstrated in their lives. And a pure Conscience washed by the blood of Christ and prepared to serve God with joy.

Oh, God in Heaven, please— speak to hearts today about the need to clear their Consciences with you, and put all worldliness and sin out of their lives. In these last few moments of earth's history, I pray that not one person reading this now, will say "No!" to Christ.

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Oh Friend, I want to ask you a couple of questions before we close—

Will you say “Right Now: “The Holy Spirit has pricked my heart and I do have a Conscience which is weak, evil, guilty; I have played the hypocrite far too long, now I want to apply the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ to that Conscience today, and wash it, clean it up, and put the “court of my soul” back in session in my heart; I want my heart and life right with God, that I might serve Him, in the power of the Spirit, not the power of the flesh. ”

Oh, Friend, if this is your desire today, would you “Commit your life anew to Christ Today.”

Are you saying today “My Conscience is dead! I can sin and it doesn't bother me! I can do wrong and it doesn't bother me?”

My Friend, If THIS is your condition then you are lost without Jesus Christ, you have seared your Conscience as with a hot iron of your stubborn Will, until it is no longer sensitive to the things of God. A profession will save none.

Will you admit: “My Conscience is DEAD! I do not feel conviction! I am a spiritually dead person; I am not confessing this because I am under conviction. I am just confessing this because it is a true fact!” Would you have the courage today to acknowledge that fact. Today is the day, because you may not have tomorrow, to plead with the

Holy Spirit to come just one more time, and work upon your heart, to show you yourself as you really are, and give you the desire to change your life, and will?

If you have been living a lie my friend, you don't have to remain in that lost condition. Reach out for Christ today, while the door of mercy is still ajar. Someone is praying for you, that you will step over the line and really come to Jesus today. Cast all self aside and cleanse your heart and soul, leaving all that miserable selfishness and sin behind you.

Do you want to come to Jesus just now?

Oh, Father in heaven, you see each of our hearts. There is nothing hidden from you, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will fall without reserve upon the hearts of each one today.

Finish the work that you have begun in each one of us, Lord Jesus.

We praise you, We bless you; We worship you!

Oh, Father, Holy is Your Name! We thank you for the shed blood of Jesus, and for the work of atonement that is going on right now in the Most Holy Place. May we each one abide there by faith, from this day forward.

In Jesus Name, and for His sake. Amen

*“And thine ears shall hear a word
behind thee, saying, This is the
way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to
the right hand, and when ye turn to
the left.”*

Isaiah 30:21