#333 Why We Have a Conscience

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eat-est thereof thou shalt surely die.

A conscience convicts you of sin, matter of fact it will downright beat you up if your at all God minded.

Adam & Eve had no conscience before they ate of the tree, they had no need for one as they were sinless. But when they listened to Satan and ate of the tree of the knowledge of GOOD and EVIL, they also received a CONSCIENCE. After they ate they new they were naked and when God showed up in the cool of the day, he couldn't find them, so he called out, "Adam where art thou," and Adam said," they were hiding because they were naked". God said, "Who told you were naked?" The Devil didn't tell them and God wouldn't have ask if he told them, he knew what they had done, they were convicted, thus knowing the difference between good and evil. Genesis 3:11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" (NIV)

In todays society, all Christians will say, "I did something I shouldn't have and boy did the Lord ever convict me, I felt so guilty". NOT TRUE, the bible says; Romans 8:1* There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Jesus took ALL of Gods wrath and anger upon himself at the cross, so God no longer imputes our sin upon us. If you are born again (Mr 16:16) then all God sees is Jesus's righteousness and not us.

You see! It is your conscience or your own heart that is condemning you, DEFINITELY not God.

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.

Romans 2:15* Which 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;)

You see, a conscience is good, to show you the difference between good and bad. BUT, if it brow beats you, THEN YOU HAVE NOT had your conscience PURGED from sin 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 10:2* For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

Again you see, Jesus PAID for every sin we ever committed, PAST, PRESENT and even FUTURE sins we haven't even committed YET.

When your conscience tells you, you did wrong, or shouldn't have said that, then all you have to do is acknowledge you did or said that and say Lord I'm sorry. 1John 1:9* If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Once you can examine yourself like this, when your conscience convicts you. THEN you are well on your way to having your conscience PURGED from sin.

You see, as far as the East is from the West, thats how far the Lord has removed our transgressions from us. (Ps 103:12)

IF WE ARE WILLING to examine ourselves, as to why we feel convicted. IF it is something that is under the blood (or forgiven), then it is your flesh or the devil that is trying to bring you back to the law, so tell them to go take a hike. (James 4:7)

IF WE ARE NOT WILLING to examine ourselves, then we are starting down the road to what the bible calls, A SEARED CONSCIENCE

Timothy 4:2* Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

It takes a prolonged period of time to sear or callous your conscience (no feeling of right or wrong).

Trust this will give you a better understanding of your conscience.

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