

A GOOD CONSCIENCE

I. The Holy Spirit and the power of the Blood of Jesus

A. John 16:8; Heb. 9:14

B. Everyone has a conscience (inner moral law that judges right & wrong)

1. Not always a safe guide because it was affected by the Fall

2. If it was always a safe guide we wouldn't need the Holy Spirit to convict us in our getting saved

3. Bible indicates it can be: defiled, evil, seared, weak; needing purged (Titus 1:15; Heb. 10:22; 1 Tim. 4:2; 1 Cor. 8:7; Heb. 9:14)

4. It should accuse (convict) us & excuse (defend) us Rom. 2:15

5. We may be feeling guilty but not sinning; or sinning but not feeling guilty

II. The Holy Spirit continues to work in our conscience

A. Rom. 9:1

B. 1 Tim. 1:18, 19; 3:19; 1 Pet. 3:16; 2 Cor. 1:12 Affects our faith, holding power, withstanding false accusations, and gives us cause for rejoicing

III. People without a clean past can have a clear conscience

A. Acts 8:3; 9:1, 22:4, 5; 2 Cor. 7:2

B. Acts 23:3; 24:16