

The Conscience and the Christian Life

Romans 2: 14-15

INTRODUCTION

1. In Romans 1, God punishes sinners by allowing them to _____ sin.
2. Man left to himself is bent on a course of _____.
3. God has made man a _____ being.
4. Those with more knowledge will be judged by a _____.
5. Definition: "The conscience is that inner faculty which decides on the moral quality of one's thoughts or actions and responds with approval or disapproval." Dr. Victor Matthews
6. Martin Luther suffered from a _____ conscience (John Bunyan.)
7. The conscience is a tool of the Holy Spirit of God to _____ man of sin and to bring him to repentance.
8. The function of the conscience in the Bible is attributed to the _____ (Psalm 51:10).

SPIRITUAL TRUTHS REGARDING THE CONSCIENCE

1. The conscience of man _____ that we were created in the _____ and likeness of God.
2. The conscience cannot be _____.
3. The conscience can be _____ (I Timothy 4:2; Titus 1:15).
 - A. Purification is a matter of God's _____ work not _____.
 - B. The conscience needs to be _____.
4. God did not give us the conscience to be an infallible _____.
 - A. Many issues are resolved by I Corinthians 10:31.
 - B. Make certain your freedom does not _____ a weaker brother or non-Christian.
 - C. At this point it changes from a law of conscience to a law of _____.
 - D. Habits or patterns are easy to form but very difficult to stop.
 - E. Legislative Role of the Conscience: Deciding what is _____ and _____.
 - F. Judicial Role - The part of the conscience that either excuses or _____. This is the emotional level.
 - G. We must never allow our conscience to be our _____.
5. Your conscience must not rule _____ (Romans 14:5, 8, 12).
6. You can live with a conscience void of _____ (Acts 24:16).
 - A. God never asks us to do anything whereby He doesn't as well provide the enablement to do it.
 - B. If you transgress your conscience, you will _____ the Holy Spirit.
7. You are _____ for the kind of conscience you possess (Hebrews 9:14; 10:22).