

Who we are > Our Conscience

- What is the goal of the Christian Life according to 1 Tim. 1:5?

Love that has a foundation of:

- Pure Heart
- Good Conscience
- Sincere Faith

- Our Christian walk starts and finishes in the ocean of faith (Heb. 12:2; Romans 1:17)



*“...keeping **faith** and a **good conscience**, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.”*

1 Timothy 1:19

- The Tainted Conscience - Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:7)
 - The moment they sinned they died spiritually and their heart was hardened
 - Their conscience caused them to cover themselves with fig leaves
- Cleansing of our Conscience (1 John 1:9; Heb. 9:14; 1 Peter 3:21; Heb. 10:22)
 - Confession, Blood of Christ, Baptism (Testimony of inner reality)
- Keeping a Clear Conscience - Eye of the Body (Matt. 6:22, 23)
 - Careful to keep the conscience clear else we will be spiritually blind
- Conscience can either accuse or defend us on the final day (Romans 2:15-16, Acts 24:16)
- God examines and brings to light hidden motives of the heart (1 Cor. 4:3-5; Heb. 4:13)

Levels of Growth in Holiness	Condition of Man	Verses
Acquitted by God (Highest)	Secrets thoughts and motives have been cleansed and right before the Lord	1 Cor. 4:4, 5; 2 Cor. 7:1; Heb. 4:12, 13; Ps. 139:23, 24
Good or Clear Conscience	No guilt of offense to God or man	Acts 23:1, Heb. 10:22
Seared Conscience (Lowest)	Conscience unaffected by sin due to repeated sinning and without repentance	1 Tim. 4:2, Eph. 4:19

- Weak Conscience (1 Cor. 8:7)
 - It is important that those who are mature are careful not to offend those with a weak conscience
 - Those with a weak conscience may have convictions that can cause them to easily be stumbled
- Unhealthy Oversensitive Conscience
 - Feeling guilty and condemned by things that are not sinful
 - Satan can use this to leave believers constantly discouraged and with a sense of guilt