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Wednesday, July 21, 2021 - Group Study
Lesson Series: Understanding The Conscience
Lesson Series Text: *(Acts 24:16)*
Lesson 2: The Holy Spirit And The Conscience
Lesson 2 Text: *(I John 3:19-24)*
All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.
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- I. My conscience is the voice of my spirit; it bears witness to my mind. *(Rom. 2:15)*
 - A. My conscience speaks to my mind, by thoughts.
 - B. The Holy Spirit prompts my conscience; my conscience then bears witness to my mind. *(I AM speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience [enlightened and prompted] by the Holy Spirit bearing witness with me. Rom 9:1 AMPC)*
- II. Every person is a tri-fold being. We are spirit, soul, and body. *(And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. I The. 5:23)*
- III. Each of our tri-fold being receives knowledge in a different manner.
 - A. Spirit – Intuition (Received directly from God.)
 1. Intuition is the act of knowing without the use of learning through the mind's rational process.
 - B. Soul – Intellect (Received by experience.)
 1. Intellect is the ability to learn and reason using the mind's rational process.
 - C. Body – Instinct (Received by the natural design of the body.)
 1. Instinct is natural impulse, inclination or tendency possessed at birth; knowledge implanted in our senses.
- IV. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. *(John 15:26, 16:13)*
 - A. Truth is fidelity or faithfulness to a standard.
 - B. He leads and guides us into the faithfulness of God's Standards.
- V. The Holy Spirit works by convictions.
 - A. He does it by assuring, convincing, accusing or excusing our thoughts or actions. *(Rom. 2:15 AMPC)*
- VI. This is how the process works.
 - A. When we are walking in agreement with the Holy Spirit there is a peace.
 - a. *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Rom. 5:1)*
 - b. *(There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Rom. 8:1)*
 - c. *(And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Col. 3:15)*

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1. *(And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always]. Col. 3:15 AMPC)*
 - d. *(And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Phi. 4:7)*
- B. When we are not in agreement with the Holy Spirit, He convicts our thoughts or actions. Our peace is disturbed, and we lose confidence towards God. *(1 John 3:19-24 AMPC)*
- C. When we confess wrong doings or wrong thinking, repent and turn away from these things, our peace is restored.
 - a. *(If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9)*
 - b. *(Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19)*
- VII. The natural mind will try to reason the conscience away and replace it with good works. To obey is better than sacrifices. *(1 Sam. 15:22)*
- VIII. Whenever our peace is disturbed, this is a clear indication that the Holy Spirit is getting our attention to inform us that something is in conflict with the Kingdom of God. *(Rom. 14:17)*
 - A. Thought – We have allowed a thought in our mind that is creating arguments and reasoning against the Word of God. *(2 Cor. 10:5)*
 - B. Meditation – We have allowed our focus to be on ungodly thoughts.
 - C. Actions – We have acted in a way that is in direct conflict with righteousness—the right way of doing something or God’s way of doing.

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