



BOOK 02 – CHAPTER 02 – STUDY 06

## A Good Conscience Toward God

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## Having a good conscience.

**Christ's sacrifice on the cross should be enough to purge our conscience from dead works, so we can serve the living God.**

**Hebrews 9:14 (KJV)** 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?

**In the Old Testament, gifts and offerings could not make anyone's conscience perfect.**

**Hebrews 9:9 (KJV)** Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

**The end of the commandment is a good conscience.**

**1 Timothy 1:5 (KJV)** Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

**Baptism is the answer to having a good conscience toward God.**

**1 Peter 3:21 (KJV)** The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Christ:

**Having a clear conscience because of our faith, for baptism?**

**Hebrews 10:22 (KJV)** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

**We must hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.**

**1 Timothy 3:9 (KJV)** Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

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**We are convicted by our own conscience.**

**John 8:9 (KJV)** 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 Christ was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

**We are to live in good conscience toward God.**

**Acts 23:1 (KJV)** And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

**1 Pet 2:19 (KJV)** For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

**We are to exercise having a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.**

**Acts 24:16 (KJV)** And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

**1 Timothy 1:19 (KJV)** Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: Also in **2 Cor 4:2**

**Our Conscience bears witness of the work we do.**

**Romans 2:15 (KJV)** 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;)

**Our Conscience bears witness in the Holy Ghost.**

**Romans 9:1 (KJV)** I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

**We should thank God whom we serve with a clear conscience**

**2 Timothy 1:3 (KJV)** I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

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**If we speak lies in hypocrisy; we will have a bad conscience.**

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

**We should be willing to live honestly to have a good conscience.**

**Hebrews 13:18 (KJV)** Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

**Some more scripture toward having a good conscience.**

**1 Peter 3:16 (KJV)** Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ

**Salvation is not by having a good conscience alone, there are other things God requires of us.**

**Faith: 1 Timothy 3:9 (KJV)** Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

As Believers, it is important that we have a good conscience toward God as our priority. When we have a good conscience, we have God's peace.

A good conscience is a necessary quality of purity to be maintained before our pure and Holy God. It is through our personal commitment, devotion, and obedience to Christ, that we are kept within our heavenly Father's peace, and in His blessing:

**Let's now compare it to John Doe and see how his salvation looks!**

**All we are looking for is to see whether he is going to be short of salvation or not. This is what we have so far for John Doe: Check mark only the ones that you can verify with scriptures as we go. And add any that he might have missed. Bring your check marks over from prior studies.**

- ✓ He believes Christ is the Son of God.
- ✓ He believes Christ died for all our past sins.
- ✓ He believes Christ resurrected 3 days later.

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- ✓ He believes that Christ is sitting on the right-hand side of the Father interceding for us!
- ✓ He confessed Christ as Lord and Savior (Through sinner's prayer).
- ✓ He confessed himself as a sinner (Through sinner's prayer).
- ✓ He repented of his sins. (Let us just say he truly repented when he believed!)
- ✓ He asked for forgiveness (Through sinner's prayer).
- ✓ He called upon the Lord into his life (Through sinner's prayer).
- ✓ He was baptized as a baby, by sprinkle!
- ✓ No Faith (The end of faith is the salvation of the soul). **1 Peter 1:9**
  - ✗ Baptism is needed to get the full assurance of faith. **Heb 10:22**
- ✓ No Sanctification, because we are sanctified by faith, **Acts 26:18**
  - ✗ Did not complete faith because he was not baptized. **Heb 10:22**
- ✓ **NO confession counted toward him.** Even though JD confessed his sins through the sinner's prayer. **The gospel tells us that we are to confess our sins while we are being baptized! Matt 3:6, Mark 1:5.**
- ✓ A pure conscience: We must hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. **1 Tim 3:9**
  - Baptism is the mystery of the faith to having a good conscience toward God. **1 Peter 3:21.**

**These are the things that are questionable in John Doe's walk, so you must decide whether he has covered that area or not.**

- He must believe that Christ is the "only begotten" Son of God. **John 3:18, Acts 8:37.**
- He must believe in the Son and the Father. **John 5:24, John 6:47.**
- He must believe that God the Father raised Christ from the dead. **Rom 10:9, 1 Thes 4:14.**
- We have learned that the scriptures actually tell us that our salvation is nearer the moment we believe, and because we believe that Christ is the only begotten Son of God and believe in the name of the son of God, and believe in the Father as well as the Son, we become sealed with God's promise of salvation until the day we are saved!**
- We also see that Baptism may be as important as believing **Mark 16:16.**

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This opens more questions.

- ✚ Is baptism Necessary for salvation?
- ✚ ~~Is repentance the same as a change of mind, or something deeper?~~
- ✚ If we need to be baptized, does it have to be with water?
- ✚ Does Baptism have a purpose and a meaning or is it really just an outward expression of faith?
- ✚ Do we have to be baptized in the correct way?
- ✚ Are works needed to show repentance?
- ✚ Are works needed for salvation?
- ✚ We must repent to be converted. **Acts 3:19**, what is conversion?

Notes: Bring your check marks over from prior studies.

- By believing, **John Doe is not saved ONLY NEARER** to salvation and has been sealed with God's promise of salvation until all of God's conditions are met! **Rom 13:11, Eph 1:30, Eph 4:30.**
- By repenting, JD is being obedient to God. **Mark 1:15, Acts 2:38**
- If we don't repent, we will not receive salvation. **Luke 13:3, Luke 13:5, Revelation 2:16, Rev 2:22, Rev 3:3**
- No Faith (The end of faith is the salvation of the soul). **1 Peter 1:9**  
**X** Baptism is needed to get the full assurance of faith. **Heb 10:22**
- No Sanctification, because we are sanctified by faith, **Acts 26:18**
- X** Did not complete faith because he was not baptized. **Heb 10:22**
- JD is **not sanctified**, because we are sanctified by faith, and he is short of faith, because baptism is needed to get the full assurance of faith! **Acts 26:18, Heb 10:22.**
- No saving grace**, because we are saved by grace through faith, **Eph 2:8** (Questionable) **Because of his lack of faith/obedience, JD did not get baptized.** Being disobedient to God by not being baptized. Questionable only because he was already baptized but as a baby.
- No confession**, because confessing being a sinner and baptism go together, and JD was not baptized as an adult. Also, because JD was too small to even know what confessing or sin is. **Matt 3:6, Mark 1:5.**
- No clear conscience** toward God. Because Baptism is the answer of a good conscience toward God. **1 Peter 3:21**

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