

Cleansing Our Conscience

The cleansing of our consciences was achieved by the work of Jesus on the cross. As that's the case, why is there any need for us to do something about it, when it's already been done? There's a simple answer to that question, but before providing it, I need to specifically look at the topic of our conscience.

Life experience has taught me some vital points about our conscience, which I have recorded in "What I Discovered About the Conscience"¹. Primarily, our conscience is not purely our 'spiritual guide', which is what we've taught that it is. Conscience is actually a conglomeration of our societal and family training, religious indoctrination, life experiences, and the voice of the Spirit. This mixture of inputs corrupts the voice of the Spirit, as you'll understand if you read my article (referenced above).

These days, I don't follow my conscience, even though I did formerly as a Christian. Coming to understand its corruption, and the importance of listening to the Spirit, I now only listen to the Spirit because that's what sons are meant to do. I was taught that it's biblical – and therefore "the Word of God" – listen to my conscience, and so I'm obligated to obey it. However, I discovered that the conscience works on fear of punishment, and therefore, it doesn't fit in with the Kingdom.

This is why we need to work on cleansing our conscience. Jesus' death has cleansed it, but all the rubbish we've picked up in life has put a burden on us – our condemning conscience – that's based on fear, or the need to comply, and this causes endless consternation. It's the issues of life which our mind works on to 'chain' us to compulsions that make us uneasy if they aren't complied with our conscience. This, of course, is contrary to the love, peace, and freedom of the Kingdom.

So, how do we cleanse our consciences? Here's my pointers in the cleansing process. (*Points are not all in a sequence*):

- (1) The main step is to allow yourself to be deprogrammed from religion and legalism, and be reprogrammed in the knowledge of Kingdom reality. This is the work that Father does in us, provided we ask for it and earnestly want it to be done. That will take time, as well as going through many processes for it to be achieved.
- (2) The second component to cleansing our conscience is to live only out of your identity as a son.
- (3) In line with that is to live in the freedom and liberty that's ours as liberated sons. This step is very difficult as we have to stand firm against all the religion, legalism, societal norms, and family training that robs us of our Kingdom freedom.
- (4) Fight against negativity that comes into your mind, which appears to be your conscience. That is much easier to do, once you can clearly identify the voice of the Spirit. The confusion between the two is inherent in us from our secular and religious backgrounds, because we haven't been used to living daily having the Spirit communicating with us, and so, his voice is foreign.
- (5) Don't beat yourself up when your so-called 'conscience' condemns you. Forgive yourself – because you're already forgiven – put it behind you, and move on.
- (6) Don't submit to regrets or disappointments when your conscience condemns you. Remind yourself that the Spirit never condemns, and neither does Father or the King.

But, is cleansing our conscience something that Father wants us to do? Or, is it only people like me (falsely called libertarians or false teachers) who operate this way, contrary to Father's will²?

The best way to answer that question is to see what Father (or our King) has said about it using a reputable spokesperson for their prophetic message.

1 – "What I Discovered About the Conscience" (15-8-2020)

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2 – SEE: "God's Will" (25-4-2024) [Kingdom Perspectives series]

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Here's one such instruction on conscience cleansing:

“Quiet your soul and listen for my direction to settle old issues that keep you from advancing spiritually. There are issues that you must face and deal with before you can advance. There needs to be a cleansing of your conscience before you can live in perfect peace and harmony with me and others,” says the Lord.”³

Notice the relationship in the message between past issues and conscience cleansing. It's our past failures to 'measure up' to religious and social standards that create many issues in our minds, as they 'hammer' us through our corrupted conscience. If we only listened to the Spirit, and ignored our mind and soul's 'pricks', we'd be far better off as we live the Kingdom life of freedom and peace.

There's an ongoing angst that plagues many believers, caused by a misunderstanding of conscience. I believe this trouble stems from legalism that religion has implanted through the mixing of covenants. Bringing the Old Covenant (OT teaching) into the New Covenant (Kingdom knowledge) 'muddies' our understanding of the heart of the Trinity towards us, and creates a conscience that works against us at every turn.

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