

Mt. Lebanon Church

Bible Study

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

What is our conscience?

An inner feeling or voice viewed as acting as a guide to the right or wrong of one's behavior.

Before we can talk about our conscience, we must determine and understand wherein our conscience lies. To do this we must examine the whole of our existence according to Gods word.

1 Thessalonians 5: 23,....and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ....

Our body, soul, and spirit as a whole define our existence, which was created by God and for his glory.

Psalms 100: 3,....know ye that the Lord he is God, it is he that hath made us....

We are a spirit, that lives in a body, and we have a soul.

Our body is our connection with this world, it is how we experience our natural abilities. With the body we speak, we hear, we touch, we taste, we smell, it is how we communicate with the world around us. Contrary to what some may say, our body itself is not sinful; yes it can be trained to become an instrument of the sin nature, but it does not mean that the body itself is sinful. That body can be used for sinfulness or can be used for holiness, the choice is ours.

1 Corinthians 3: 16 – 17,....know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defiles the temple of God, him shall God destroy....

1 Corinthians 6: 19,....What? know ye not that the body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have in God, and ye are not your own....

Our soul is the domain which is eternal. In its realm is the mind, our free will, our emotions, and our personality. The soul binds together the body and the spirit, it is eternal, therefore it is immortal. The soul is where our free will is exercised, so it can be redeemed, or it can stay unredeemed, the choice is ours.

Ezekiel 18: 1 – 4,....behold, all souls are mine, as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine....

3 John 1: 2,....beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in good health, even as thy soul prosperous....

Our spirit is the innermost part of our being, the source of our identity. Our spirit has a voice which is our conscience. This is referring to our human spirit, not the Holy Spirit. We make decisions daily, based upon our conscience. Before we are saved, even though we may show forth good works, they are still based upon our human spirit, therefore, the works are worldly, with no eternal value. Once we are saved, it is our choice whether we allow the Holy Spirit that indwells within us to control our conscience, so that our decisions reflect those works which have eternal value.

Job 32: 8,....there is a spirit in man....

Ecclesiastes 12: 7,....the spirit shall return unto God who gave it....

Romans 8: 14 – 16,....for as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the Sons of God....the spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God....

Only believers have a living regenerated spirit that can have fellowship with the Father and abide in Christ. Non-believers remain spiritually dead in their trespasses and sins. The indwelling Holy Spirit of God was given unto each regenerated child of God at the moment in which they were born again. We live and move and have our being to the glory of God.

Acts 17: 28,....for in him we live, and move, and have our being....for we are also his offspring....

As Christians, we have the promises of God's word, which is his saving grace in our lives, and we now have the permanent, indwelling Holy Spirit as a sure witness that we truly are of the body of Christ.

Titus 3: 5,....according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost....

When we were born again into this world we inherited our sin nature, which can cause us to follow after those things which are worldly. When we were born again, our new birth, gave unto us a spiritual regeneration, and we begin to seek after those things that are divine, and we begin living a life that is faithful and holy unto God.

2 Corinthians 5: 17,....if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new....

When we were saved, we did not lose our sin nature.

Romans 7: 14 – 25,....we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin....then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me....I see another law in my members, waring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members....with my mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin....

But, we have divine help, the spirit of God that dwelleth within us supplies us with that which we need to overcome the sin nature that is within us.

1 John 3: 9,....whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God....

Now, this verse does not mean that believers have acquired a sinless perfection when they are born again, even those who have salvation must continually choose good over evil.

1 John 1: 18,....if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us....

Although the believers sin nature was severed at the cross, and we were born into the family of God, our sinful nature remains, and we continue to sin. So, we need the spirit of God to help us, so that we might continually change into the likeness of Christ, because it is our new life in Christ that cannot sin. As Christians, we are to reflect the characteristics of God. A true believer will live righteously because God lives within them.

Romans 8: 6 – 16,....to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life....unto them that our contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation, and wrath....which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness....

Because of our conscience, we know right from wrong. After salvation, the Lord lives in our spirit, and our conscience tells us when we sin.

1 Timothy 1: 5,....now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of truth unfeigned....

What is a good conscience that is set forth before a mighty God? It is a conscience that is aligned with the word of God, it is sincere, it is genuine, and it is faithful unto God.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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