

## CONSCIENCE

1. Two Greek words - "SUN EIDE SIS" and "EIDESIS" are the nouns which come from the verb "OIDA," which means to have inherent knowledge. A verb taken and frozen in a noun.
2. Conscience is the basis or standard for the operation of a human being. Romans 9:1, 2. It is located in the mind.
  - A. "I say the Truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart."
3. Everyone has a conscience to the extent that he has information. Knowledge is your ruler.
4. The conscience is a measuring rod in the mind based on knowledge and background in the mind.
5. The factors that make up the knowledge in your mind are:
  - A. Background: This often hinders the believer in understanding what Christianity really is. Anything the unbeliever can do is not Christianity. The filling of the Holy Spirit is the Christian way of life.
  - B. Training: This comes from parents, school and the crowd with which you go.
  - C. Culture: This has a byproduct - education.
6. This knowledge forms the factor by which we say that something is right or wrong - that this person is good or bad.
  - A. Acts 24:16, "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward man."
7. The conscience of the unbeliever is fed from the soul (the soulish man).
8. The conscience of the believer is regulated by the Word of God, providing he stays in fellowship, and studies the Word of God and allows the human spirit to be filled with this knowledge of the Divine Viewpoint of Life. Then information from the human spirit is fed into different facets of the soul, including the conscience. Actually then one adopts a new conscience, a conscience that functions on Divine norms and standards.
9. The new believer has a deficiency of conscience of soul, and needs the Word of God to fill up that deficiency.
  - A. Ephesians 3:19, "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all fullness of God."
10. The guilt complex, inferiority complex can all distort the conscience.

The answer: "GROW IN GRACE BY THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST."

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