

## **PEOPLE WHO SHOULD NOT HAVE PEACE OF CONSCIENCE**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. The Bible teaches that one should (must) have a good conscience to be acceptable with God 1Tim 1:19
- B. To have a good conscience is to be satisfied with one's conduct to believe one is doing right in everything. To have a bad conscience is to know one is not doing what is right.
- C. The Bible suggest several examples of people with troubled consciences:
  - 1. Peter after he denied the Lord Matt 26:75
  - 2. Pentecostians when they learned they had crucified the Messiah Acts 2:37
  - 3. Ephesians when they learned the sin of magical arts Acts 19:19
- D. Each of these, however, made correction and obtained good conscience. They enjoyed peace of conscience.
- E. There are people who should not have peace of conscience.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **I. BIBLE EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE WHO HAD PEACE OF CONSCIENCE WHEN THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN TROUBLED IN THEIR CONSCIENCES.**

- A. Saul of Tarsus Acts 23:1; 24:16 Saul should have been in tears every day, because of what he was doing to the Lord's people
- B. Proud Pharisees Lk 18:9-14
- C. Jews Rom 10:1-3
- D. Church at Sardis Rev 3:1-6
- E. Foolish virgins Matt 25:1-13 Slept without worry. Their consciences good, but not fully prepared. Many will be like foolish virgins in judgement Matt 7:21-23

#### **II. WHY DOES THIS CONDITION EXIST?**

- A. Lack of knowledge Rom 10:1-3
- B. Lack of diligence 2Tim 2:15 Take spiritual things too lightly. Assume anything will do as long as sincere
- C. Lack of understanding Matt 13:19 This often results from a lack of meditation Eph 5:15-17
- D. Lack of spiritual graces listed in 2Pet 1:5-11
- E. When Saul learned the truth his conscience was no longer at ease, for he would not eat or drink

#### **III. SOME IN OUR DAY WHO SHOULD NOT HAVE PEACE OF CONSCIENCE**

- A. Those not born or water and Spirit Jhn 3:5 Note the final outcome of such people described in 2Thess 1:7-9
- B. Those who do not attend faithfully Heb 10:25

- C. Those who fail to eat and drink worthily 1Cor 11:23-30
  - 1. One may attend all services faithfully for life
  - 2. Yet "eat and drink damnation to himself"
- D. Those who spend more time and money on pleasure than Lord's work 2Tim 3:2-5; Lk 16:10-12; Matt 6:33
- E. Those lukewarm Rev 3:14-16
  - 1. These are members who do not take much interest spiritual things
  - 2. They Just "belong", they let other things come first Matt 13:22

### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. All such people who have peace of conscience and are satisfied with themselves are deceived
- B. They need teaching, and they need to heed the teaching. They need exhortation, such as those of Heb 2:1-2; 2Pet 1:5-11
- C. Boils down to this: many who are not worried about their standing before God should become concerned.
- D. Something needs to disturb their consciences.
- E. Matt 7:21-27 applies to those in doctrinal error, but also to those who simply hear and do not do