

sinner's a life free from bondage.

God put His law in our heart, but we can never live up to its requirements (Rom. 3:23; Jas. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:8). The law shows us how enslaved we are by sin, but God's grace to us through Christ brings liberty. If we have experienced that forgiveness and freedom, it's up to us to share the good news with others. –JDB

*The perfect Law of God reveals
The dreadful state we're in;
But when we put our faith in Christ,
We're cleansed from all our sin. –Sper*

God's law shows us a need that only God's grace can supply.



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The Law In The Heart

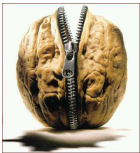
[They] show the work of the law written in their hearts. –Romans 2:15

Marilyn Laszlo dedicated her life to giving the Hauna people of New Guinea the Bible in their own language. As she worked on the translation, she came to the word for "sin." When Marilyn asked the people what they thought sin was, they told her, "It's when you lie." "It's when you steal." "It's when you kill." "It's when you take another man's wife."

Marilyn was astounded. They were giving her God's standards as spelled out in the Ten Commandments. "God's law is written on the heart of man," she later commented, underscoring the truth found in Romans 2:14-15.

What a remarkable verification of biblical truth! Our faith is strengthened by accounts like this. But there's something else. If each person on earth is aware of sin (which is true even though some deny it), we need to make sure everyone hears the remedy. Jesus paid the penalty for sin and offers all





Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

The Value of Conscience

Romans 2 (and the Scripture in general) leads us to make three statements about conscience:

1. Conscience gives _____ of God and His _____, 1:16, 18, 21, 2:1, 8-9, 11, 14-15,

(Ecclesiastes 3:11) "He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end."

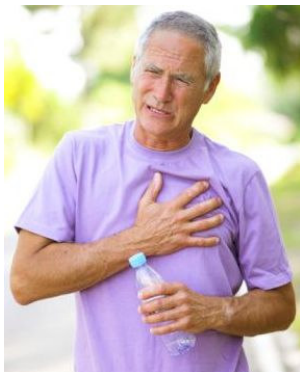
(Acts 23:1) "Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.""



(John 8:9) "Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. ..."

(Psalms 51:3-4) "... And my sin is always before me. {4} Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight; That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge."

(1 John 1:9) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."



2. Conscience can be _____, 2:14-15, 17-29

(2 Samuel 12:7) "... "You are the man! ..."

(2 Samuel 12:13) "... "I have sinned against the LORD." ..."

(1 Timothy 4:1-2) "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, {2} speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,"

(1 Corinthians 8:7-13) "However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. {8} But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. {9} But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. {10} For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? {11} And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom



Christ died? {12} But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. {13} Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble."

(1 Corinthians 10:28-29) "But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake; ... {29} "Conscience," I say, not your own, but that of the other."

(1 Corinthians 8:4) "... we know that an idol is nothing in the world, ..."



3. The conscience can be _____,

(Hebrews 5:12-14) "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

{13} For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. {14} But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

(Romans 12:2) "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

(Colossians 3:10) "and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,"

(Psalms 119:9) "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word."

(1 John 3:20) "For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things."

(Hebrews 10:24-25) "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, {25} not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

(1 Timothy 3:8-9) "Likewise deacons must be reverent, ... {9} holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience."

