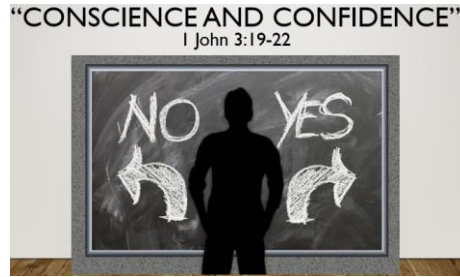


10/13 & 20/2024
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LET ME ASK YOU...

- How is your confidence before God, with God?
- Your confidence in your relationship with God?
- Are you doubting; are you worried?
- Not about Heaven, but in your walk with God?

CONSCIENCE...

- It's a megaphone -
- Speaks, yells at you:
- If trained properly, very helpful and right.
- But it can be trained improperly...



JOHN HAS BEEN SAYING IN HIS LETTER IN CHAPTER 3:

- Teaching God's love (1)
- Purity (3) No sin (6) "sinneth not"
- A Christian will do righteousness (7, 9)
- Those who do evil... (8)
- Children of God (10)
- Then believers will love one another (11, 14) not hate
- And love (risk) for brothers & sisters
- **And now with all this...** John's concern – **conscience!**

IN LIGHT OF THESE BIG COMMANDS HERE IN CHAPTER 3:

- How can anyone do these?
- Because these demands of love and righteousness may stir feelings of being inadequate and incapable.
- Do you feel that in your Christian life??
- Like you're not good enough? And perhaps you struggle with a guilty conscience?? And thus leading to your confidence?
- John is concerned that his readers conscience is condemning them wrongly.
- So, he gives them some important help, instructions on this.

Turn over ➡

3 THINGS JOHN TALKS ABOUT:

- I. **We live the truth (v. 19)**
 - A. A true believer will...
 - B. We are reassured by God
- II. **The Christian and conscience (20-21)**
 - A. What it does
 - B. When it's wrong



What is your conscience saying, yelling?

III. **Christian confidence (v. 21-22)**

- A. From God
- B. In answered prayer (v. 22)

"See when all self-condemnation is gone, when God's opinion of us is foremost in our minds, we enjoy a newfound boldness in our relationship with Him which is discovered principally in prayer."

CONCLUSION:

- I am concerned about too many believers being riddled with guilt and then leaving themselves on the sidelines.
- Or never thinking they can be as good as _____, so might as well not even try.
- Or I mess up too much, and thereby giving up...

