

Dear Precious Friend,

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A Cleansed Conscience

The issue of our conscience is very deep. It was one of the main reasons that compelled Jesus to become a man and to shed His most precious blood. Only the blood of Jesus had the power to cleanse our consciences,

something that the sacrifices according to the law could never accomplish. *Hebrews 9:9-14*. Only THIS perfect blood of the Lamb of God could bring pleasure to the Father because through it, man could finally be set free from a guilt-ridden conscience that only perpetuated dead works towards God, while keeping him separated in his deep inner soul.

Through the cleansing blood of Christ, man could now live unto God without fear of retribution. He could draw close to God and become one with Him. *Hebrews 10:22*. It was a complete restoration of that which was lost in the Garden. There would no longer be a bent toward self-justification since God Almighty Himself would justify us and clear us so that we could come before Him without a consciousness of sin. *Hebrews 10:1-10*. Old things truly passed away in Christ and behold, all things truly became new.

This meant that the foundation for a restored conscience would now be **forgiveness and pardon** rather than guilt and condemnation. Our focus would no longer be on our sinful selves, but on the Crucified One whose sacrifice was made in love and finished forever. Instead of this causing a permissiveness towards sin, there would be a deep desire to please and not hurt God and a freedom and willingness to allow Him to correct us as His own children and no longer to punish or destroy us as enemies. A good father always corrects in love and his children who are reared by Him know this and accept it for they know that He loves the ones He corrects and that He always brings good out of it.

There are two extremes in the body of Christ regarding God's correction due to a faulty foundation in understanding how our consciences are reformed through the blood of Christ. One extreme has to do with a permissive consciousness that rejects any need for the rod of His correction and adjustments. The other extreme is an unhealthy fear ridden conscience that always feels guilty and condemned out of a failure to appropriate His full blood atonement.

Both extremes have to do with a failure to discern the difference between condemnation unto death and true conviction unto life and wholeness. These extremes come out of a failure to grasp and maintain the full cost and extent of the **forgiveness of God** through His blood atonement: past, present and future. *Psalm 130:3-4*

Both extremes fail to recognize that the basis of all New Covenant relationship and consciousness toward God and our fellow man is Calvary love expressed in forgiveness and restoration. This remains in and through Christ and it is ongoing and forever.

But this will be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, says the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. *Jeremiah* 31:33-34

A healthy conscience is always founded in the full appropriation of the forgiveness of God and of the law being written in our hearts. A fully cleansed and functioning conscience is the basis of all true New Covenant reality.

Good News from the Land:

On my way to a big outreach on Independence Day, I met a practicing Orthodox Jewish teacher. He talked about the need for the law in the mind. I told him it had to be written in the heart. When I told him about Jeremiah 31 regarding the link between the law in the heart and the New Covenant, he immediately read it. He was touched in his heart and wrote down that and other scriptures I gave him.

I went on to the outreach where thousands of Israelis celebrated Independence Day with great joy. Many took information, listened as I shared the gospel and entered into deep conversation with me. Quite a number accepted prayer and said that they would connect with the office of J4J, who sponsored the outreach. It was amazing! It was fruitful! It was a sign that God is working in the heart of His people!

Days before, I met a man walking with great pain and asked if I could pray for him. I prayed in Yeshua's name and then we talked at great length about Him. He agreed with me in prayer to have a revelation of Yeshua, his Messiah. I also prayed for two Arabs recently. Both took New Testaments and prayed to receive forgiveness of their sins and for Yeshua Himself to come into their hearts.

Beloved, I have a renewed passion for souls and I pray that you do too! I will be doing more and more large outreaches with a combined team from J4J and other ministries. Please pray. I sense that we are on the verge of a breakthrough in public evangelism for the glory of God!

In His Amazing Love,

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