

A Cleared Conscience

1 John 3:18-24

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A. A Cleared Conscience

1. The Masters of guilt:

a. v20 “whenever our hearts condemn us”

b. Satan, the Accuser

c. The world of unbelievers

2. The Master of a cleared conscience

a. Christ overcame the world

b. Christ defeated Satan and continues to frustrate him

c. v20, “Whenever our hearts condemn us... God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything”

B. Confidence Before God

1. A clear conscience

2. A life of obedience

Synopsis: A guilty conscience can have a devastating effect upon our tranquility and peace. Genuine guilt is not identical with guilt feelings. Sin causes real guilt, but forgiveness in Christ clears the conscience. If we do not recognize this, Satan can play on our emotions and make us feel guilty when our sin has been forgiven.