

## The Joy of a Clean Conscience – Class #5

Adult Equipping – May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Overview

1. What is the conscience and why is it important?
2. How does the gospel allow me to live with a clean conscience before God?
3. How do I tune or calibrate my conscience?
4. How does Scripture help me to navigate differences of opinion in regard to matters of conscience?

### Review & Reflection:

- Last week we talked about how the conscience gets calibrated or tuned. What does God use to do that?
- Does anyone have any observations from this past week about culture or the idea of our consciences needing tuning?

### How does Scripture help me to navigate differences of opinion in regard to matters of conscience?

1. Conscience Collision - 1 Cor. 8-10 – A Unified Idea (8:1, 9; 9:12, 15, 21-23; 10:23-24, 33)

<b>1 Cor. 8-10</b>	<i>Extreme</i>	<i>Strong</i>	<i>Weak</i>	<i>Extreme</i>
<i>Meat Question</i>				
<i>Background</i>				
<i>Reasoning</i>				
<i>Temptation / Attitude</i>				
<i>Gospel Distortion</i>				

\* This chart is from the book, Conscience by Andy Naselli & J.D. Crowley

2. Conscience Collision – Step #1 - Scripture (1 Cor. 8:4-6, 10:11-22; Rom. 14:1-6)

3. Conscience Collision – Step #2 – Listening (Eph. 4:29-31; Jms 1:19-21, Prov. 10:19, 12:15, 13:1, 15:32, 17:4, 17:27-28, 18:2, 18:13, 18:17)

4. Issues for Next Class?

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Questions for Reflection:

1. *In today's class we talked about the purpose of knowledge. How do you know when you truly know something?*
2. ***What current issue is creating tension between you and other believers? Apply some of what we discussed today and be ready to share how your thoughts were influenced by this process.***
3. *How do you personally prioritize Scripture? Are there doctrines that are maybe out of proportion to their biblical support in your life? How do matters of less importance end up being matters of great importance to us?*
4. *How might improve your listening according to the Scripture that we discussed? How are you tempted to not listen to others or minimize the input of others? Take a current issue that is important to you and apply some of the principles we discussed.*