

SOME THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT OUR CONSCIENCES

Consider a few God statements we know for sure.

1. Deuteronomy 6 explains to the Jews that we must “love the Lord our God with all our *heart* (*inner man*), our *soul* (*the essence of who we are*), and our *strength* (*the abundant force within us*). Jesus adds *mind* (*reasoned perceptions*) to this list. Why do you think this is?
2. The God Story also indicates we each have a *spirit* (Genesis 2:7; Proverbs 18:14) - just as there is a *Spirit of God* (Genesis 1:2; 2 Corinthians 3:12-18). This appears to be in-common and unique at the same time.
3. The purpose of our Creator’s commands is to *illuminate our need* for God, because we fall short of His glory (Romans 3:19-23). We are taught that we must perceive the bad news for the Good News to have any meaning to us.
4. It appears within the mix of mind (Romans 12:2), heart (Romans 10:10), soul, spirit, and body (1 Samuel 15:23; 2 Corinthians 3:12-18) we have a *conscience* (*place of true comprehension of connection*).
See Titus 1:15; Hebrews 9:9, 14; 10:22; 13:18; Romans 2:15; 2 Corinthians 1:12; 4:2; 1 Peter 2:19; 3:16, 21 as you begin.
5. Within this mix of who we are as intellectual, physical, emotional, and spiritual beings it appears our conscience can be clouded, seared, or clear as well.
6. While we are born without God, those who have come to know Christ have had our consciences brought to life, which makes us able to reconnect with God through Jesus.

Where do you stand on the awakesness of your conscience?

What have you learned about living by your conscience?

How does this relate to having a heart for God?