<u>No Evil Consciousness</u> <u>Wednesday January 8, 2025</u> <u>Dr. Pete Norris</u>

And that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. **Ephesians 4:24 NKJV**

Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. **Ephesians 4:24 NLT**

It all began in the Garden of Eden when the first man, Adam partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. From that point onward, man developed a conscience. Your conscience is that which is within you that knows good and evil. Your conscience understands justice. It understands that when there is sin, sin must be punished. A conscience that typically expects punishment is a conscience that is under condemnation.

And since we have [such] a great and wonderful and noble Priest [Who rules] over the house of God, Let us all come forward and draw near with true (honest and sincere) hearts in unqualified assurance and absolute conviction engendered by faith (by that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), having our hearts sprinkled and purified from a guilty (evil) conscience and our bodies cleansed with pure water. **(Hebrews 10:21-22 AMPC)**

An evil conscience is a clear one that is perpetually conscious of sin and failure and typically expects punishment. Evil Consciousness means "Sin Consciousness".

So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word. **(Hebrews 10:23 AMPC)**

For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. **(Hebrews 10:2 NKJV)**

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, **(Hebrews 10:26 NKJV)**

In Hebrew, the devil's name is ha-Satan, which means " the accuser". He is the prosecutor at Law and expert in condemning you, always pointing out your faults and shortcomings.

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. **(Revelation 12:10 NKJV)**

Many times, believers under condemnation would even think that it is the Holy Spirit convicting them of their sins and pointing out their faults.

And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. **(John 16:8-11 NKJV)**

"Convict the world of sin" notice that is singular "Sin" that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of, and that is the sin of unbelief, the sin of rejecting Jesus and not believing in His finished work.

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more. **(Hebrews 8:12 NKJV)**

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever **(John 14:16 NKJV)**

When a believer is struggling with sin, it is a case of mistaken identity. The answer lies in right believing. Believers are struggling with sin today precisely because they do not realize that they are righteous.

Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. **(I Corinthians 15:34 NKJV)**

This means that the more a believer realizes that he is indeed righteous, the more he will start to behave like a righteous person. It is time to awake to righteousness. Right believing leads to right living.

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. (Matthew 12:35 NKJV)

Your life today reflects what has been hidden and carried in your heart all this time.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:17, 18 NKJV)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. **(John 14:26 NKJV)**

Believe that you are the righteousness of God in Christ and enjoy the blessings that are on the head of the righteous!

Blessings are on the head of the righteous, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked. **(Proverbs 10:6 NKJV)**