

FOR CONSCIENCE SAKE
I COR. 10:25-33, 11:1

Introduction:

A. The Bible teaches us not to violate ours or another's conscience.

1. We become guilt ridden.
2. We cause others to become guilt ridden.

B. What is conscience?

1. conscience = suneidesis - a knowing of one's self, consciousness; the being one's own witness; the testimony to one's own conduct borne by consciousness, esp. of the consciousness man has of his relation to God, manifesting itself in the form of a self-testimony. Consequently it is the effect of faith, for a man's conscience will never condemn that which he believes to be right, and vice versa, hence the only faith worth having is that which springs from a "faith unfeigned"

I Tim. 1:5.

2. Conscience is an application of what we have learned as we use it to judge our actions.

I. EATING MEAT PURCHASED AT THE PUBLIC MARKET. V25

A. shambles = iellon - a meat market.

1. Public, all manner from all places.
2. Some left from pagan worship was sold there.
3. no question = anokrinontes - examining.

B. Why? v26

1. God made everything for man, and not man for everything.
2. The Sabbath was made for man.

II. EATING MEAT AT A FEAST. V27-30

A. The truth of social participation.

1. Believe not.
 2. disposed to go = thelo - (a natural impulse).
 3. fast = not in Greek text, evening meal, banquet.
 4. Whatsoever is set before you, eat.
 5. asking no questions.
 6. for conscience sake."
- B. The hosts voluntary information. v28
1. "This is sacrificed to idols."
 2. "eat not, for his sake that shewed it, that is his conscience's sake."
 3. There are other things to eat! v28
- C. Paul did not want another man's conscience wounded by another's liberty.
1. v29-30.
 2. I mean his conscience, not yours, what? you say, is my freedom to be called in question by anothers scruples of conscience? Why then should my personal freedom be limited by anothers conscience?
 3. If I give thanks for what I eat, why am I called a sinner for that which I eat with thanksgiving?
- D. For should receive glory. v31.
- E. Do not offend by your eating habits. v32.
- F. Paul was an example. v33.
- G. Do what I do. 11:1.