

"The Musket"

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"But the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and faith unfeigned...", I Timothy 1:5.

Before Jesus came and fulfilled His earthly mission, the cleansing of a person's conscience was not completely attainable. As Hebrews 10:5 states, "...Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but You have prepared a body for Me." By Jesus' bodily sacrifice, complete cleansing of an individual's conscience from evil became available! In fact the Word says, His blood purges the believer's "conscience from dead works to serve the living God"¹ and sprinkles the heart "from an evil conscience."²

What a wonderful present from our Father in Heaven, that He gave His most sacred gift, Jesus, so that our most sacred property, our conscience as individuals, might be made completely good in His sight and used to serve Him and guide us.

Most Sacred Property

Our conscience has the internal ability to bear witness with the Holy Spirit and lead us into truth, as Romans 9:1 says, "I tell the truth...my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit." It, our conscience, "instantly approves or disproves our actions and affections,"³ by definition. Also, our conscience is our property as individuals. We are responsible for its stewardship. The condition of our personal conscience is relative to our response to the Will of God and can be compromised if we ignore His Will, as it is written, "...some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and teachings of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, being seared in their own conscience..." (I Tim4:1,2) We follow our conscience by consent, unto

righteousness or unrighteousness. God's love gives us free choice, though He has a preferred path for us leading to maximum life and liberty. Incidentally, contrary to evolutionist, our possession of a conscience is one thing that makes us different from animals, for they lack a "moral sense" of "right and wrong."³

Government and Conscience

*In order to be governed, in accordance with our conscience, we must have a sense of individual **consent** extending into our government. In our Christian representative republic, we have the opportunity to express our consent by whom we vote for and in the opportunity we have to speak and influence our representatives. It was this lack of consent that drove the Sons of Liberty and our early Patriots to righteous rebellion as expressed in the quote "No taxation without representation." Our early governmental leaders understood the Biblical principle of being true to one's own conscience, by consent, and they wanted no power over them that violated that in an unrepresentative fashion. The true "end and purpose of government"⁴ is the honoring of the sacred property of an individual's conscience. When governmental violation of conscience occurs, individual liberty is lost. For example, governmental encroachment has occurred when it enforces thoughts, by our tax dollars, upon us that are contrary to the Word of God; such as "We have evolved from apes."*

Cleansing Our National Conscience

*There is only one way, by "the washing of water by the Word," one conscience at a time. As our nation returns to His Word, **He will return** to our nation **like never before.***

¹ – Hebrews 9:14

² – Hebrews 10:22

³ – Webster's 1828 Dictionary

⁴ – Teaching and Learning America's Christian History,

The Principle Approach, V. Hall & R. Slater, p. xvii.