

Sermon notes

Conscience (Part 3)

(1 Peter 3, 1 Timothy 4)

Intro: Not assuming

A deadened conscience (1 Timothy 4:2, Titus 1:15)

A good conscience

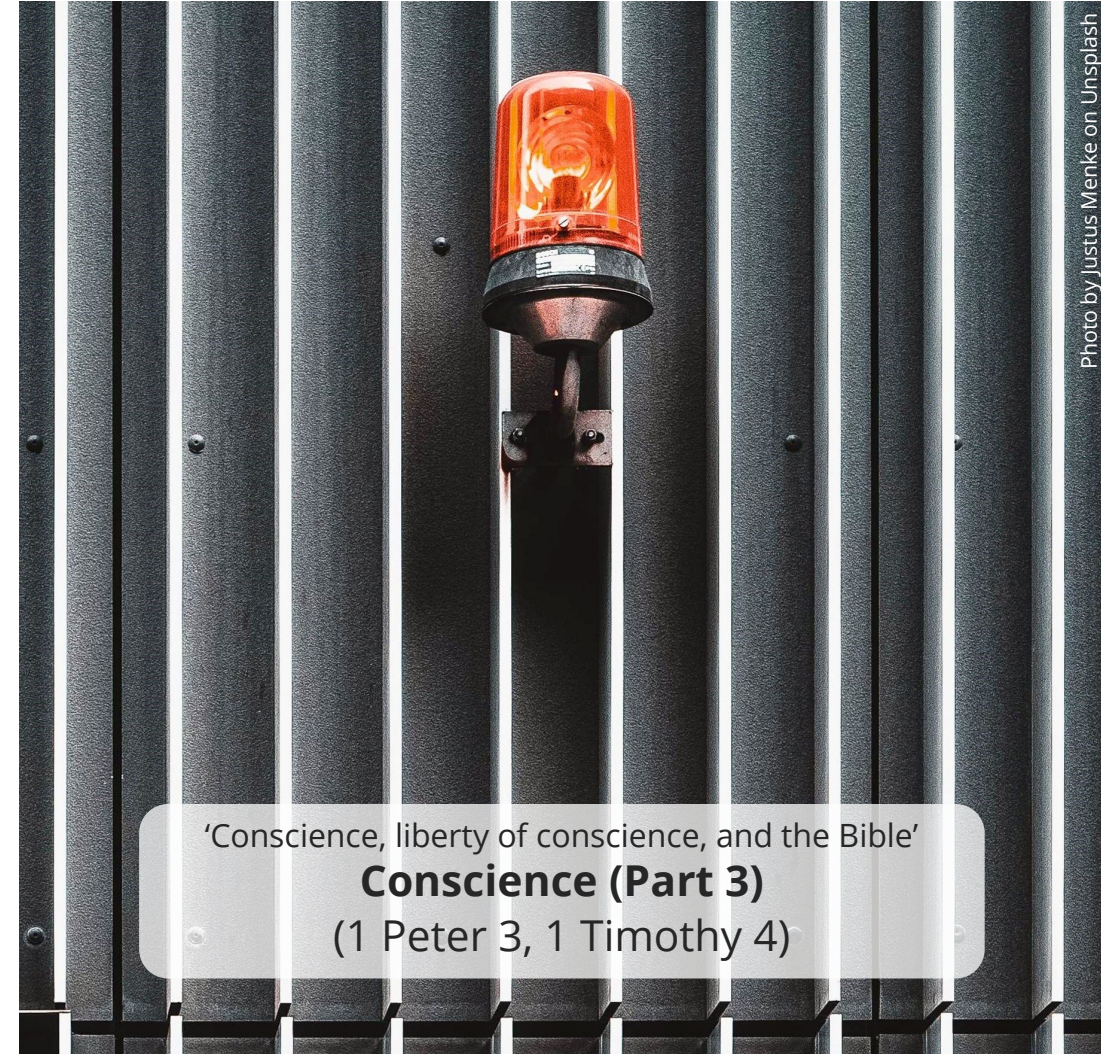
- A conscience that doesn't 'go off' very much because you're increasingly doing the right thing (1 Peter 3:16)
- A conscience that's good because you've been forgiven (1 Peter 3:21, Hebrews 9:9&14)

Other ideas of conscience

- Conscience as the norms of parents and society
- Conscience as final moral authority

For us

- Conscience is an important tool for helping us live God's way
- Applying the good news of Jesus (the 'gospel') to our conscience



30 January 2022

Announcements

Our Sunday children's ministry **Sprouts is in recess** due to COVID // We will let you know when it's going to recommence // In the meantime **activity booklets** are available for the kids on the table under the creche window

Our **February-March church roster** was emailed out during the week // Thanks to Di for her work on this! // Paper copies on the table under the creche window



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Home groups will be starting up in the next couple of weeks // See Ian for more details, or if you would like to be a part of a group

Our **church prayer meeting** is on this Thursday, 8-8.45pm, on Zoom // Ian will email out a link // Please join us to pray for our church and community

COVID update // At this stage there are no restrictions for attending church based on vaccination status // Face masks are required to be worn in all indoor settings // Density limits also apply but we are well within that // Please be mindful of others, make sure you washed your hands and checked in as you entered church, social distance, and stay at home if you are ill

Upcoming

- **Sunday 13th February** // Elders meeting, 3.30pm // On Zoom

News from Committee of Management meeting last Sunday

- We're looking at putting together a master-plan for our church grounds, considering future placement of things like trees and play equipment for children
- Vince presented a draft budget for 2022
- Various other routine items were considered

Giving

Direct Debit // "North Shore Presbyterian Church" // BSB 064 796, Acct# 1000 6722 **Extra mile giving** // Please use a separate direct debit labelled "extra mile" // Or place cash in the wooden box by the main door

Bible reading 1

1 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Bible reading 2

1 Timothy 4:1-5 (ESV)

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ² through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, ³ who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴ For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.