

The Dispensation of Conscience

I. Innocence

II. Conscience

A. Man's state at the beginning – man was guilty.

- a. Adam and Eve enjoyed a period of no guilt, but when they sinned, they began to experience a new thing called _____.
- b. They made themselves _____. (Gen. 3:7)
- c. They _____ from the Lord. (Gen. 3:8, 10)

B. New Ruling Factor

1. Man began to know the difference between right and wrong which is called _____. (Gen. 3:7, 22)
 - a. This was the result of eating from the tree of knowledge of _____ and _____. (Gen. 3:6-7, 11, 22)
2. This God given ability _____ in all mankind today. (Gen. 26:6; Acts 28:4; Rom. 2:14-15)
3. What is a conscience?
 - a. It is the God given ability to _____ right from wrong for man's good.
 - b. We sometimes refer to it as that _____ that tells us that we are doing wrong. (John 8:9; 1 Cor. 8:7-12; Heb. 9:14; 10:22)
 - c. But it can also _____ that what we are doing is right. (Acts. 23:1; 24:16; Rom. 9:1; 2 Cor. 1:12; 4:2; 5:11; 1 Tim. 1:5, 19; 3:9; Heb. 13:18; 1 Pet. 2:19; 3:16, 21)
 - d. It can also be _____. (John 17:17)
 - e. Furthermore, it can become _____ or _____. (Titus 1:15; 1 Tim. 4:2)
 - f. Finally, we all had an _____ conscience before we were saved. (Heb. 10:22)
4. Along with conscience, Man was also _____ by the Holy Spirit. (Gen. 6:3; 2 Thes 2:7)

C. Man's Responsibility

1. During the dispensation of conscience, man was to _____ according to their conscience and the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit.

D. New Revelation

1. God revealed to them that they were to approach God by faith with a _____ sacrifice. (Gen. 3:21)
 - a. Abel was a _____ and Cain was a farmer (Gen. 4:2)
 - b. Cain brought an _____ sacrifice, but Abel's was acceptable. (Gen. 4:3-4; Heb. 11:4)

E. Man's Failure

1. Cain's rebelled against God which led to jealousy and hatred of Abel, ultimately leading to the _____ of his brother. (Gen. 4:6-8)
2. This rebellion grew to great _____ in man. (Gen. 4:16-24; Gen. 6:1-7)

F. God's Judgement

1. God destroyed _____ air breathing flesh from the earth except one family. (Gen. 7:21-22)

G. God's grace

1. God _____ Adam and Eve a son named Seth to replace Abel who was murdered. (Gen. 4:25-26)
2. His offspring would include _____ whom God saved physically from judgement. (Gen. 5:28-32; 6:8-10, 13-22; 7:7; 8:13-14)
 - a. This would be the line from whom the _____ would come. (Luke 3:23, 36, 38)

H. Remember

1. After the fall of man, God provided a _____ in every human being to know what is right or wrong.
2. This conscience _____ to this day though man failed the test of living under the rule of conscience.
3. Believers need to be _____ to this leading as we compare this to the Word of God along with the Holy Spirit's convicting ministry.