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# BELIEVABLE

HOW CHRISTIANITY IS RATIONAL AND WONDERFUL

## INVESTIGATING CONSCIENCE

HOW ARE WE AWARE OF GOOD AND ASHAMED OF BAD?

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ACTS 23

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GENESIS 3:6-13

*6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*



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## 1. CONSCIENCE MAKES ME A \_\_\_\_\_

ACTS 23:1

*1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.*

ROMANS 1:19–20

*19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

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## 2. CONSCIENCE MAKES ME AN \_\_\_\_\_

ROMANS 2:12–16

*12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; 13 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. 14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) 16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.*

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## 3. CONSCIENCE COMPELS ME TO BE \_\_\_\_\_

ACTS 23:2–5

*2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. 3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law? 4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest? 5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.*

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## 4. GOOD CONSCIENCE \_\_\_\_\_

GENESIS 3:21

*21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*

HEBREWS 10:12

*12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*

EPHESIANS 1:7

*7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

1 JOHN 4:10

*10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

1 JOHN 2:1–2

*1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*