How to Handle a Guilty Conscience

Romans 2:14-16

Note 14 When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Psa 32:3

Psa 51: 1-2

 Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Psa 86:5

Psa 51: 3-4

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment.

▶ Acts 23:1; Mt 7:1–2; Jn 7:24; 1Jn 1:8–10

Psa 51: 5-6

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Psa 103:12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

▶ Heb 13:5

12 Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

2 Pet 1:3; Phil 2:13

Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee.

Psa 51: 14-17

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of thy deliverance
 O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise
 For thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, thou wouldst not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Do good to Zion in thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

then wilt thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on thy altar. 1 Timothy 1:5 whereas the aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:19 holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their faith,

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- Peter 3:21 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 clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,