

III. IN CONVERSION THE CONSCIENCE IS SAID TO BE CLEANSED (HEB. 9:14).

A. The cleansed conscience is the result of two things:

1. *The Blood of Christ.*
 - a. This declares us just before God.
 - b. This enables us to know we are forgiven.
2. *The Holy Spirit.*
 - a. The Holy Spirit applies the Blood of Christ.
 - b. The Holy Spirit witnesses this reality to us.

B. The cleansed conscience, then, means two things:

1. *The carry-over of the same conscience we are born with.*
 - a. We do not lose this conscience.
 - b. We continue to have this same sense of right and wrong.
2. *The enabling power of the Spirit to explore two things:*
 - a. The deeper understanding of the conscience.
 - (1) We can get to the bottom of our feelings.
 - (2) This means total honesty with ourselves, something the unregenerate (unconverted) man is afraid to do.
 - b. The indwelling Spirit who does two things:
 - (1) Works through the cleansed conscience.
 - (2) Reveals the Word and the present voice of God.

C. Hearing God's voice therefore means:

1. Our consciences are cleansed by the Blood of Christ.
2. *We are tuned into God's heart.*
 - a. Two things are required, then, to hear God's voice.
 - (1) That we have been saved.