

**Does God
Demand
Perfect
Obedience?**

Galatians 3:10

- Romans 4:15
- Romans 7:8b
- I John 3:4

Some Try to JUSTIFY their Sin

- Human Reason
- Bible Lacks Clarity
- But I haven't violated my Conscience
- Nobody's Perfect
- Perfection is Impossible

Human Reason

- The Mind of the Flesh (Rom. 8:3-8)
- The Christian's thinking is patterned after spiritual things (II Cor. 1:12).

But some of the Bible Lacks Clarity

- If the Bible lacks clarity (in some areas) how can a just God demand my perfect obedience?
- Some people have a different interpretation than I do in these “gray” areas.
- You cannot judge me in these “gray” areas.
- You cannot be “dogmatic.”
- Consider: Deut. 29:29; Jn. 8:32; Eph. 5:17

I have NOT violated my Conscience (Rom. 14:14, 20)!

- I did not know such and such was sinful so God will not hold me accountable for that.
- Question: Did Nadab and Abihu violate their conscience (Lev. 10:1)?
- Did Uzza violate his conscience (I Chron. 13:10).
- Did Saul violate his conscience (I Sam. 15:13)?
- Did Saul of Tarsus violate his conscience (Acts 26:9-11).
- Did the Jews violate their conscience (Rom. 2:3ff).

Nobody Can be Perfect

- I'm not perfect and neither are you!
- What did Jesus say (Matt. 5:48)?
- I can be completely free from sin (Rom. 6:16-23).
- When I sin I loose my perfection (I Jn. 3:4).

Let us Reason Together

- All sin and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23).
- Jesus is the reason we are not without hope (Rom. 3:24-26).
- How can I gain access into God's grace?
 - Obey the Gospel
 - Sorrow (II Cor. 7:9), repentance (Acts 8:22), and pray for forgiveness (I Jn. 1:8-10).

Concluding Thoughts

- “The greatest of all sins is to be conscience of none”
- Man’s conscience, human reason, and modes of justification (i.e., Bible lacks clarity, no one is perfect, etc.) are not standards whereby one is deemed righteous before God.
- The **standard** that determines man’s perfection is the word of God (Jn. 12:48)
- Perfection is obtainable (Heb. 7:18; 10:1-4).
- God demands our obedience (I Thess. 1:8).
- Why not obey the Lord today?