

## Conscience Clause 1

**When we were baptized we appealed to our Master for a good conscience. The Waco Paper teaches the world that there is a “Conscience Clause.”** A conscience clause is higher than a general law that says you have to do a certain thing. It forbids a person to do things that are against their conscience. In the 1600's to the 1800's there was a general law that said if you didn't go to church on Sundays but worked instead, that you were to be fined or put in jail. Sometimes people were even executed. The law of conscience is higher than any man-made law. Most people in the Body were worthy of the second death because they went against the natural law that teaches you what's right or wrong. Your conscience either approves or condemns you. Our Father has given us a perfect conscience. When you were baptized, you made an appeal for a good conscience — above any law that man can make. It doesn't excuse bad behavior, but we conform to a higher law. This higher law approves of the laws of the land until they go against the natural laws that God put in man. The *true* church will be the light of the world. We've received a conscience that acts according to the light we've received.

*CONSCIENCE CLAUSE — (Look up definition) A clause is a law that relieves a person whose conscience or religious scruples forbids compliance to the law. What does to “forbid compliance” mean? For example: a lot of children in the body comply (go along with) fools. Other children will do foolish things and your child will go along with them. We as parents are teaching them not to be around a foolish child. That's just one example of compliance in the Body.*

Rom 2:14-16 — Someday people of the nations will be judged eternally by how they obeyed their conscience and not necessarily by the man-made law of the land. We, as members of Messiah, never go to war, vote, do jury duty or become policemen. The *conscience* is the highest law by which a man will be judged by God. The nations are judged by whether or not they obeyed the natural law in their hearts.

1 Pet 3:21 — So we appealed for a good conscience when we were baptized into Messiah. Even though our conscience wasn't strong enough or wasn't working right in the world to deter our actions, we were still guilty because we allowed our conscience to be swayed. Today people call good evil and evil good. The two sodomites who live across the street from us are being allowed to adopt a little girl. The law approves of them adopting children. That's evil! There is no such thing as a heterosexual or a homosexual. It is called *sodomy* in the Bible — it never says *homosexual* or *heterosexual*. If you say one is a homosexual, that means you approve of it. When you say *heterosexual*, that's the same definition. We are *homosapiens*— man (male and female).

(Look up the definition of a *clause*.) In the first century, people wouldn't comply with the law if it prevented them from sharing the gospel. They said, “I have to obey God, rather than man.” There's no law in the United States that restricts you from preaching in public places. People want you to think there is — but there is no law against it.

*CONSCIENCE — (Look up definition.)* The conscience decided whether something is lawful or unlawful. When Stephen Wooten was going to have his children taken away he had to decided according to his conscience whether it was right or wrong. The law said, “You have to give your children to your wife.” She was a sexually-immoral woman — sleeping with twenty to thirty men in one month — and at least one of them was a carrier of AIDS. She wanted her children back, but Stephen wouldn't give them to her to breathe and kiss on. She had given up her right to be his wife and the mother of his children. Should he have given his children back to her? Only a fool would believe what the government says about AIDS — scientists are still not even sure if it's airborne. If Stephen had given his children to his wife he would have instantly been a condemned man. His conscience had to be right with his God. This should be brought out in court someday to be judged. When Miriam had Yahshua there was a law that Herod decreed that said to kill every first born son in the land. Yowceph and Miriam were the most righteous people in their day. So, they fled to Egypt, against the king's order, because an angel appeared to them and told them to. We also have an angel and we have to make the right decisions according to our conscience.

Rom 2:16 — The nations will be judged by the Body of Messiah someday. The Edah will judge even the angels. I just wanted you to understand this in case you are brought to court someday and you are asked, “Who are the elders?” Then you can say, “I can’t tell you, my conscience won’t allow me to.” We have to be led by the Spirit to do this. The conscience is called by some writers — the original faculty of our nature. We have to act according to the dictates of our conscience. We can’t act opposite of what our conscience tells us no matter what anyone says.

Our youth should not obey their parents when it goes against the word of God — even when the Word doesn’t specifically say so. If the parents say, “Come on, we’re leaving the Body,” the children know that it’s wrong, and they have to act by a higher law. No one is required to sin. A wife is not obligated to obey her husband if he wants her to sin. If someone just handed their children over to an ungodly parent — how could God help them? If they say, “No, I will not hand my children over to this immoral person for them to be polluted and destroyed,” then our Father can support them because they are standing on the conscience clause. And they are right in our Father’s eyes. We have to make decisions according to what our conscience tells us to do. We have a higher conscience now — the Holy Spirit dwelling in us.

So when we go before judges and say, “My conscience forbids me,” no matter what they say or do to us we cannot supersede our conscience. They can beat us if they want to, but we will still preach the gospel. It is better to obey God than it is to obey man.

At the time of the Vietnam war some people fled to Canada to escape the draft. They needed to say, “It goes against my conscience to fight, put me in jail if you want to.” The country said we had to go to war — so as a result 50,000 people died in a useless war that they didn’t have to fight. Their conscience got mixed up. It was a political war and no one is obligated to fight if they use the conscience clause. In the world our conscience was destroyed — we didn’t know right from wrong. We believe in God and we have to decide what is right and wrong (Jms 4:17; Rom 14:23). Good government comes from God and we only have to obey good laws. Evil men make laws that give sodomites equal rights. They will put people in jail because their conscience doesn’t allow them to hire a sodomite. They are teachers in the school system and they teach the children about the wonderful life of lesbianism. So why don’t we send our children to public school? Our conscience won’t allow us to.

When we’re dragged into court someday for not sending our children to public school we’ll have to make a stand. Our Father will have to protect us for not complying to the laws or we will be martyred. Rom 1:18-2:16 — explains about the conscience. There are many people who have great admiration and respect for people who live by their conscience.

The Second World War was a righteous war. The United States didn’t want to get involved and held out until it was absolutely necessary. The US laid down their lives and many died to save France and now France hates the US. That’s how it is — there is evil in the world. We’re glad we’re not in the world anymore. We could never go to war — our conscience wouldn’t allow us to. We couldn’t go to war against our brothers in Sus and with gun in hand shoot Haggai and Hadashah and their eight wonderful children! Can you imagine how ludicrous that would be? That’s why we couldn’t be policemen, soldiers, politicians — it’s not possible. We would have to fight against our brothers who we love and pass laws against them. If we were Christians and think we could do this — we would go to the second death. We can’t make judgments in the world’s affairs or even be on a jury. We can’t testify against our brothers (Jn 9:39-41).

When the Jews were being persecuted and killed for what they believed, the authorities would come to a house and ask if there were any Jews there and some people who lived by their conscience would hide the Jews. (If they came knocking at our door saying, “Are there any Jews in there?” and we had Hananyah hiding up in the attic, we could say, “No!” and take a lie detector test and have perfect peace because of the conscience clause — because Satan wants Hananyah to be destroyed.

We met some people in San Paulo when we were in South America trying to buy blankets there, and they used to live in Poland and they hid the Jews, risking their lives. They went against the law to do it, but their

conscience approved them for doing it — there is no justice in an evil system of tyranny. The only thing you can do is flee from it. Hananyah and Yehudah's great-grandparents fled from this system years ago. Our Father knew that in 1980 He would establish the tribe of Judah here. We're privileged to be here — especially the Jews — they are people who have kept their national identity for 2,000 years. The Jews (in the time of Titus) were scattered all over the world. Our Father can keep the covenant that He made with Abraham years ago. The Edah is His new covenant Community. This new spiritual Israel is — an advanced team of people who will bind Satan and execute him by putting all His enemies under His feet. How? By commanding your household and keeping the way of YHWH — keeping the covenant He made with Abraham.

(See *Hakam's* notes that follow about this teaching, entitled, "Conscience Clause 2.")