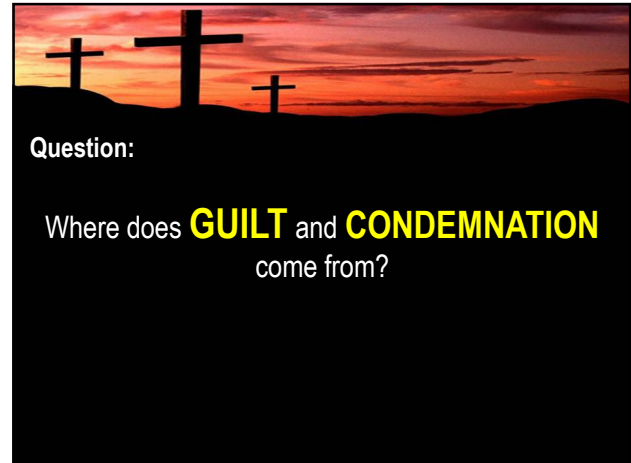


I. Know why there is **GUILT** and **CONDEMNATION**.

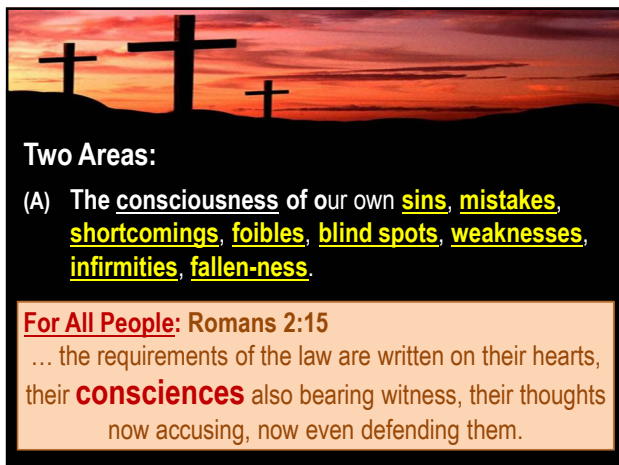
We basically have a problem with guilt and condemnation.

This robs us of boldness and confidence to come to God at **ALL** times.



Question:

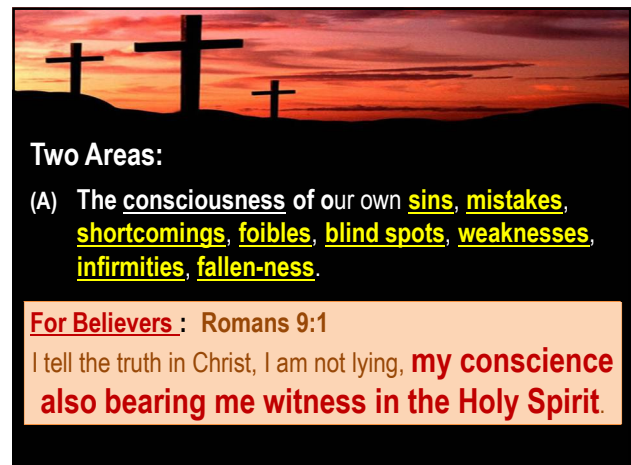
Where does **GUILT** and **CONDEMNATION** come from?



Two Areas:

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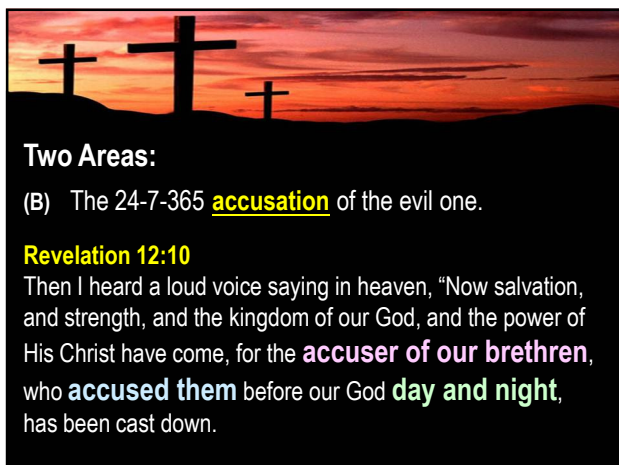
For All People: Romans 2:15
... the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their **consciences** also bearing witness, their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.



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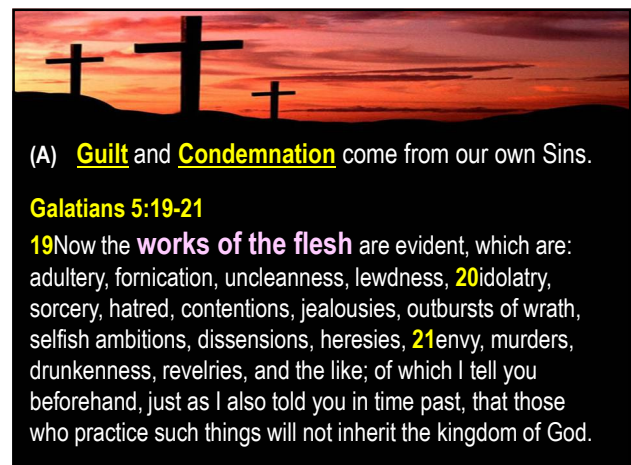
For Believers : Romans 9:1
I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, **my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit**.



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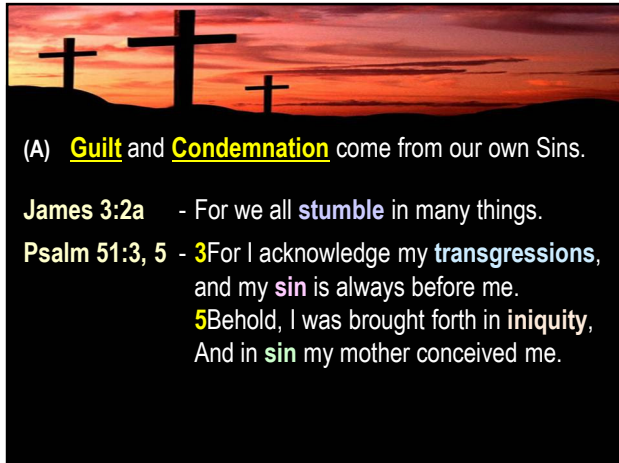
(B) The 24-7-365 **accusation** of the evil one.

Revelation 12:10
Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the **accuser of our brethren**, who **accused them** before our God **day and night**, has been cast down.



(A) **Guilt** and **Condemnation** come from our own Sins.

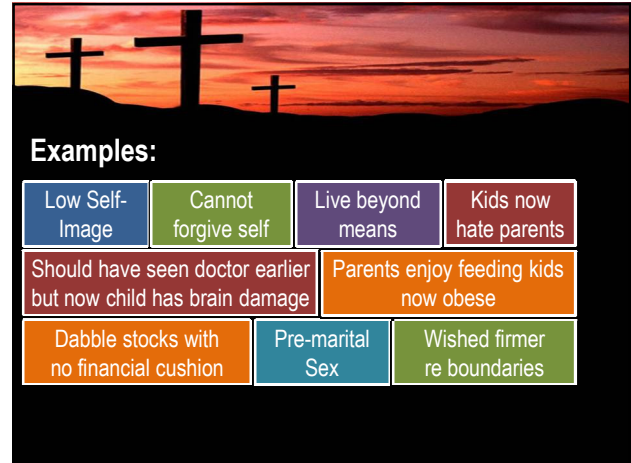
Galatians 5:19-21
19Now the **works of the flesh** are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **20**idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **21**envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



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James 3:2a - For we all **stumble** in many things.

Psalm 51:3, 5 - **3**For I acknowledge my **transgressions**, and my **sin** is always before me.
5Behold, I was brought forth in **iniquity**, And in **sin** my mother conceived me.



Examples:

Low Self-Image	Cannot forgive self	Live beyond means	Kids now hate parents
Should have seen doctor earlier but now child has brain damage		Parents enjoy feeding kids now obese	
Dabble stocks with no financial cushion	Pre-marital Sex	Wished firmer re boundaries	



Examples:

Little choices and responses each day	If only spend time with parents now dead
Did not study in teens now as ya earn less than peers	Wish more bold to share gospel but now gone
Spoil children and now children rebel and parents fight blame each other	Holding hands petting .. Reaping Consequences

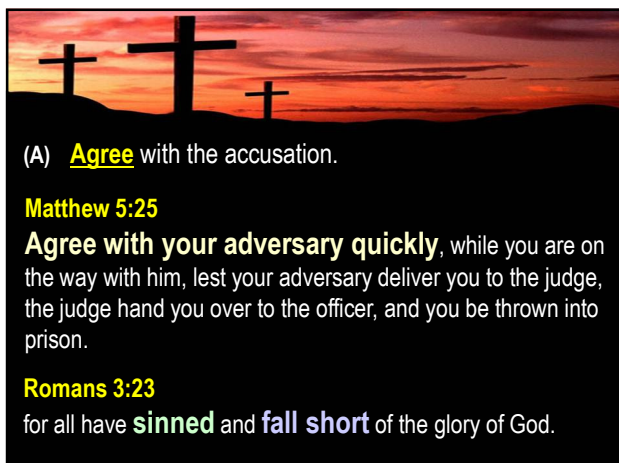


Question:

What shall we do?

ii. Deal with the **GUILT** and **CONDEMNATION**.

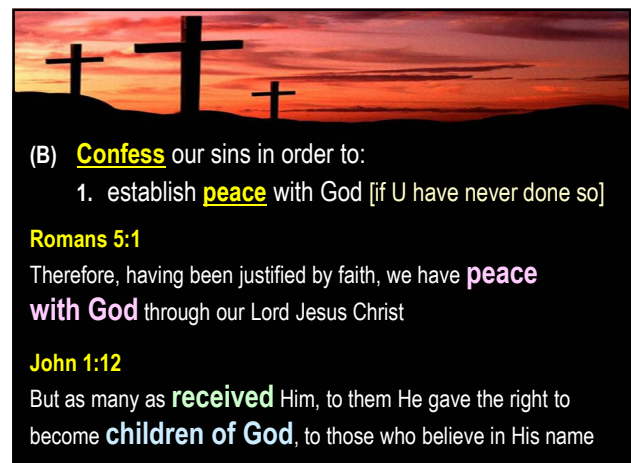
HOW? 



(A) **Agree** with the accusation.

Matthew 5:25
Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

Romans 3:23
 for all have **sinned** and **fall short** of the glory of God.

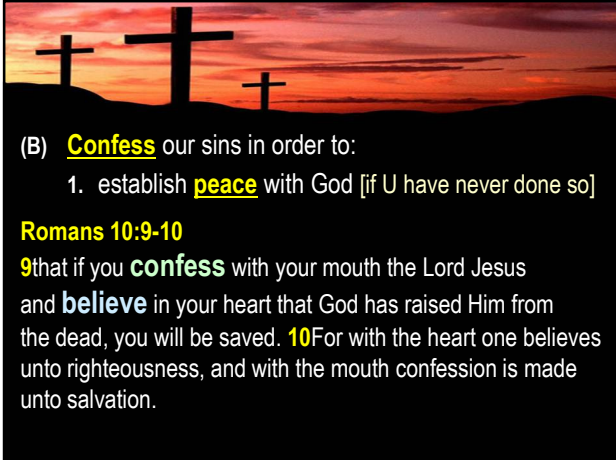


(B) **Confess** our sins in order to:

1. establish **peace** with God [if U have never done so]

Romans 5:1
 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ

John 1:12
 But as many as **received** Him, to them He gave the right to become **children of God**, to those who believe in His name



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Romans 10:9-10
9that if you **confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe** in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10**For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.



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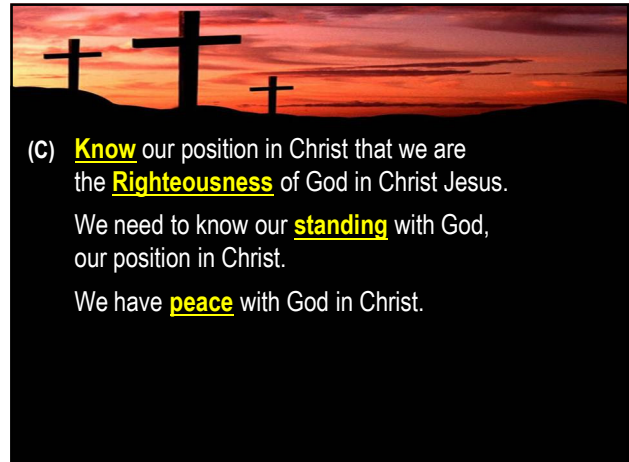
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 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness.



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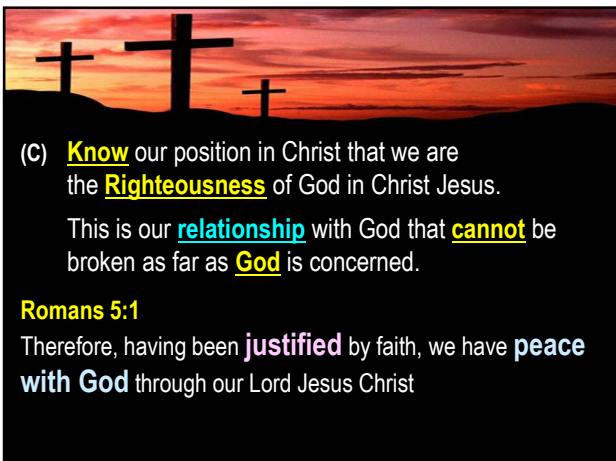
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(C) **Know** our position in Christ that we are the **Righteousness** of God in Christ Jesus.

We need to know our **standing** with God, our position in Christ.

We have **peace** with God in Christ.



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2 Corinthians 5:21
 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become **the righteousness of God** in Him.


I am the **Righteousness of God** in Christ Jesus




Hebrews 10:17
then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will **remember no more.**"

On **God's** part, **ALL** our sins - past, present, future are **forgiven.**

On the **believer's** part, we confess our sins to re-establish our **fellowship** with God.




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(D) The **ISSUE** on the believer's part is that of our **conscience:**


Evil	Good
Bad	Sensitive
Guilty	Cleansed
Shipwrecked	Perfect
Condemned	
Seared	




Hebrews 10:1-4
1For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach **perfect.** **2**For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more **consciousness of sins.** **3**But in those sacrifices there is a **reminder of sins** every year. **4**For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.



Hebrews 9:9
It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service **perfect in regard to the conscience—**




Hebrews 9:14
how much more shall the **blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?




III. Walking in **Victory**.

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1 John 2:1-2
 1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
 2 And **He Himself is the propitiation for our sins**, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.




(B) On the **believer's** part, the key to have a good conscience is to **know, believe** and **confess** our standing with God.

1 Timothy 1:19
 having **faith** and a **good conscience**, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck




Hebrews 10:19-22
 19 Therefore, brethren, having **boldness** to enter the Holiest by the **blood of Jesus**, 20 by a **new and living way** which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us **draw near** with a true heart in **full assurance of faith**, having our **hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience** and our bodies washed with pure water.




Philippians 3:9
 and be found in Him, **not having my own righteousness**, which is **from the law**, **but that** which is through **faith in Christ**, the **righteousness which is from God by faith**

Do **NOT** seek your **own** righteousness




The evil one **always** attacks us with the **law** i.e. what we must **do** or **fail to do**; **condemn** us and give us **guilt** whenever he **accuses** us.



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Righteousness is through **faith** in Christ



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In the Old Covenant
Obedience = **Blessings**; Disobedience = **Curses**


James 2:10
For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

No one can **fully** obey the law
Isaiah 64:6




In the New Covenant, the Lord Jesus as Son of Man **perfectly** obeyed the Law.

Matthew 5:17
Do not think that I came to destroy **the Law** or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to **fulfill**.



Our only work in the New Covenant is to **have faith** and to **believe and receive** Christ because **He has obeyed and fulfilled** the entire law.

Romans 10:4
For **Christ** is the **end** of the **law** for **righteousness** to **everyone who believes**.




John 6:28-29
28Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the **works of God**?" **29**Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the **work of God**, that **you believe** in Him whom He sent."



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I am the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus

1 John 1:7
But if we **walk in the light** as He is in the light, we have **fellowship** with one another, and **the blood** of Jesus Christ His Son **cleanses us from all sin**.



(C) We must live our lives **not** self-conscious or sin conscious but **God** conscious.


Romans 8:1-2
1There is therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not **walk** according to the flesh, but **according to the Spirit**. **2**For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me **free** from the law of sin and death.



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Acts 24:16
This being so, I myself always strive to have a **conscience without offense toward God and men**.


Hebrews 8:10; 10:16



This is the key to walking in victory, to overcome:

- (i) The accusations of the **Evil One**.
- (ii) The temptations coming through the **World**.
- (iii) Dying to the self by being **God conscious** and **led by the Holy Spirit**.

Isaiah 54:14
In **righteousness** you shall be **established**;
you shall be **far from oppression**, for you shall **not fear**;
and **from terror**, for it shall not come near you.



CONCLUSION

STOP being **sin and self-conscious**.

STOP going on the **performance treadmill**.


STOP the doing to **earn** the favor and Grace of God.



CONCLUSION

IT IS DONE!

The **PRICE** has been paid by the Blood of our Lord Jesus



CONCLUSION

Romans 5:17
For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive **abundance of grace** and of the **gift of righteousness** will **reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ.