

Sin-Consciousness vs. Innocence-Consciousness (Part 4)

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Scriptures:

- Romans 6:6-8, *NLT*
- Romans 6:1, 2, 6, 7
- Romans 7:7-11, *NLT*
- Ephesians 1:4, *NLT*
- Romans 12:2, *NLT*
- Romans 8:1, 2
- Mark 1:15

Summary:

*Being conscious of our sins isn't the way God wants us to live. By contrast, being aware of how God sees us in Christ—innocent and free—lets us focus on our righteousness. We're forgiven because Jesus has dealt with our sin. We aren't what we do; bad **behavior** isn't what separates a person from God, but rather the sinful **nature** of a person before they get born again. Living under the law always creates guilt and self-condemnation for failing to perform well enough to please God; by comparison, living under grace redefines our identity. It restores us to the fact that He originally created us as righteous, blameless, and holy. Believing that God decided to make us just like Him, even before the beginning of time, keeps us anchored in our true identity when the world bombards us with messages to the contrary.*

Notes:

1. We receive a new identity when we get born again. Knowing who we are delivers us from guilt.
2. Our old, sinful selves died when we got born again. If our *sin* has been taken care of, then our *consciousness* of it should have been, too.
3. Paul, a Pharisee who had great passion for the Law of Moses, spoke of how it exposed sin in him and how it led to death.
4. Practical applications for moving from sin-consciousness to innocence-consciousness include renewing our minds and learning how to live in the freedom of our innocence.
5. To renew our minds is to exchange our mindset for heaven's mindset. We can't change ourselves; God accepts the responsibility for our transformation.
6. Once we accept our restored innocence in Christ, we begin to live freely in it. Embracing the truth that we're righteous frees us from guilt and condemnation.

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