

A landscape photograph featuring a field of tall grass in the foreground, a line of trees in the middle ground, and a sky with scattered clouds. Overlaid on the image is the text 'FREEDOM FROM GUILT' in a large, white, serif font. The words 'FREEDOM FROM' are positioned above 'GUILT', which is significantly larger. A thin white line runs horizontally across the middle of the text, separating 'FREEDOM FROM' from 'GUILT'.

FREEDOM FROM GUILT

Hebrews 9:11-15

What is guilt?..

Objective



A Verdict in Court

Subjective



A Feeling of Shame

Guilt:

a feeling of responsibility
or remorse for some offense,
crime, wrong, etc., whether
real or imagined.

A spiritual state we are in ...



Innocence



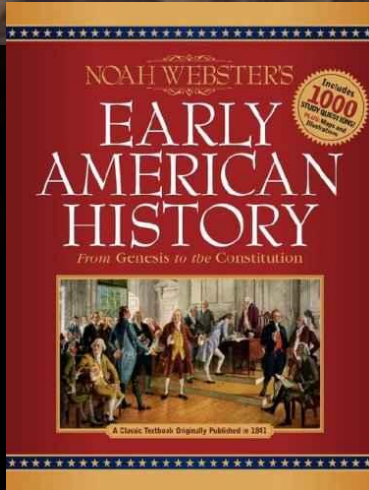
Guilt before God

Objective Guilt..

- An objective standard (law) is broken..
- Legal guilt clearly proven..
- May or may not feel guilty..
- Regardless, if they broke law... guilty!

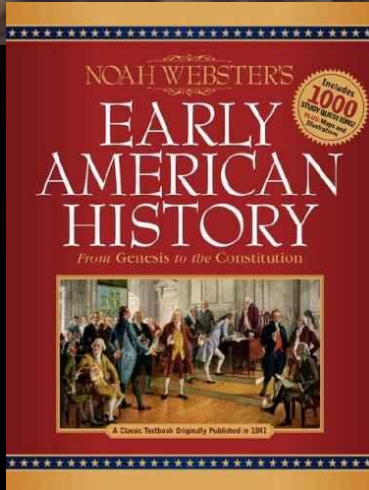


Absolute moral standard..



- “Our citizens should early understand that the genuine source of correct republican principles is the Bible, particularly the New Testament or the Christian religion.. The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His apostles, which enjoins humility, piety, and benevolence; which acknowledges every person a brother, or a sister, and a citizen with equal rights. This is genuine Christianity..

Absolute moral standard..



- "The moral principles and precepts contained in the scriptures ought to form the basis of all civil constitution and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."

All are guilty of sin..

For all have sinned
and fall short of the
glory of God.

Romans 3:23

- 1 John 3:4 whoever sins transgresses the law, for sin is the transgression of the law.

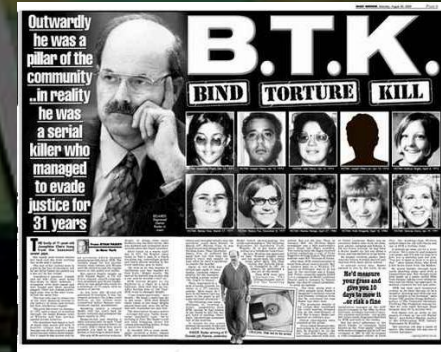
Subjective guilt...

- How a person feels in his conscience..
- Conscience may be past feeling ..
 - Ephesians 4:19 who, being past feeling...
- Overly sensitive conscience ..



Four ways we can feel about guilt...

- Guilty and feel guilty..
- Guilty but feel no guilt ..
 - Disturbed individuals
 - Ignorant of their condition
- Not guilty but feel guilty
 - Acts 3:19; Rom 7:14; 1 John 4:17-19
- Not guilty and feel no guilt
 - 1 John 1:7, 2:1-2; Heb 7:25



Freedom in Christ...

- Any person can be forgiven if they repent and obey the Lord...
 - John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16; Heb 5:9; 1 John 1:7-9
- Every saved person can stay saved if they pursue the Christian life ..
 - Romans 7:14-25; 8:1-2
 - Can fall away if choose a life of sin .. Heb 3:12; 10:26-27
- God loves us and wants to bring us home.
 - Romans 5:1-11; Rom 8:31-39; 1 John 3:19-24

God's forgiveness..

- Casts them into the sea (Micah 7:19)
- Removes far as east to west (Ps 103:12)
- Forgets, remembers no more (Heb 8:12)
- Forgives, remission (Acts 2:38)
- Lays iniquity on Christ (Isa 53:6-8)
- Christ became righteousness (2 Cor 5:20)





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