

First Baptist Church of Clinton, Louisiana
 1689 Second London Baptist Confession
 “Chapter 21, Of Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience”
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- Paragraph 2. The Boundaries of Christian Liberty.
 - God alone is Lord of the conscience. Jas 4:12; Rom 14:4
 - Our consciences are free from the doctrines of men. Matt 15:1-9
 - Our consciences are free from commandments of men. Acts 4:19, 29; Rom 4:15; 1 Cor 7:23; Col 2:20-23
 - Our consciences are free from obeying the commands of men “in anything contrary to His Word, or not contained in it.” This is how God is Lord of conscience: through His Word alone.
 - Liberty of conscience is destroyed by certain things. A/B, A/B pattern
 - A: Believing human doctrines destroys liberty of conscience.
 - B: Obeying human commands destroys liberty of conscience.
 - A: Requiring implicit faith [in human doctrines] destroys liberty of conscience.
 - B: Requiring blind obedience [in human commands] destroys liberty of conscience.
- READ Paragraph 3. Cautions Against Abuses of Christian Liberty
 - The great danger in Christian liberty is sinning under pretense of Christian liberty.
 - But pretense is a perversion of Christian liberty and the gospel. Rom 6:1-2
 - Pretense of Christian liberty results in destruction.
 - The destruction of themselves.
 - The destruction of the goal of Christian liberty.
 - The true goal of Christian liberty is threefold.
 - First, to be delivered out of the hands of all enemies.
 - Second, to serve the Lord without fear.
 - Third, to live in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.
 - See Gal 5:13; 2 Pet 2:18-21