

## Introduction

1. In keeping with the theme of “Clear Christianity” another definition that caught my attention was “free from guile” used in one sense as “a *clear* conscience.”
  - a. The English word “guile” is found eleven times in eleven verses in the KJV Bible.
  - b. Is guile really a problem in the world and something that we must be aware of and get rid of if found in our lives? Yes!
2. To be clear in our Christianity, we too must get rid of any guile that is in our lives.
  - a. Guile must be put away ([1 Pt. 2:1](#)).

## I. Jesus Christ - Our Example

1. Jesus Christ had no guile.
  - a. Isaiah prophesied this about Christ over 700 years before He came to Earth ([Isa. 53:9](#)).
  - b. Peter confirmed it in the First Century ([1 Pt. 2:21-22](#)).
2. Guile defined.
  - a. In the Greek language the word is *dolos* (G1388 noun).
  - b. “properly bait...a lure, snare; hence craft, deceit, guile” (Thayer 155).
  - c. “taking advantage through craft and underhanded methods, deceit, cunning, treachery” (BDAG 256).
  - d. “to deceive by using trickery and falsehood—‘to deceive, to trick into, treachery’” (Louw-Nida 758).
3. Jesus always spoke the truth.
  - a. This makes sense as He is full of truth ([Jn. 1:14](#)).
  - b. Jesus spoke what He heard from the Father ([Jn. 8:31-47](#)).
  - c. Jesus is the Truth ([Jn. 14:6](#)).
  - d. Jesus connected truth with God’s Word ([Jn. 17:17](#)).
  - e. If I am of the truth I will listen to Jesus ([Jn. 18:37-38](#)).

## II. Without Guile - A Necessity and a Reality

1. Nathanael, though not a Christian at this time, was found without guile by Jesus Christ ([Jn. 1:43-51](#)).

- a. Nathanael had the glowing character of having nothing false in him.
2. Guile must be put away ([1 Pt. 2:1](#)).
  - a. Peter expanded upon this in [1 Peter 3:10-12](#).
  - b. Guile defiles the person ([Mk. 7:18-23](#)).
3. Loving life and seeing good days ([1 Pt. 3:10-12](#)).
  - a. If I love life and wish to see good days I must make sure I remove guile from my speech ([1 Pt. 3:10](#)).
  - b. Evil must be turned away from and stopped and good must be practiced ([1 Pt. 3:11](#)).
  - c. Prayer must be employed and often ([1 Pt. 3:12](#); cf. [1 Th. 5:17](#); [Rm. 12:12](#)).

## Conclusion

1. To be where God is, Heaven, we must be without guile.
  - a. Jesus ascended back to His Father after His work was finished on Earth ([Ac. 1:9-11](#)).
  - b. The redeemed from among men were found with no guile in their mouth ([Rev. 14:1-5](#)).
2. Filling our hearts full of God's Word and carrying it out will see to it that we speak no guile ([1 Pt. 2:1-2](#); [Eph. 5:18](#); [Col. 3:16](#)).
  - a. It will take diligence on our part as the world is full of guile.
  - b. We can do it as we look to our Lord and Savior as our example and strength ([Php. 4:13](#)).