Faith – an issue of the heart

**1 Timothy 1:5**

Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,

**Q1.** Briefly discuss what the conscience is, where it comes from and how it works in us.

**Q2.** Read 1 Timothy 1:5. Let’s take the two greatest commandments in Matthew 22:37-39. How are these commandments supposed to produce love, a good conscience and sincere faith in believers?

**Q3.** Read 1 Timothy 1:19 & 3:9 and Hebrew 10:22. What does a good/pure conscience have to do with the faith of a Christian?

**Q4.** Doesn't faith have to be "alone"? Doesn't adding a "good conscience" to one's faith while already a Christian turn faith into a work?

**Q5.** Read Romans 2:15 and the story on John 8:1-9. How does our conscience bear witness to the law written on our hearts? How do we determine if we are excused or accused by our conscience?

**Q6.** What would be the outcome and/or appearance of our faith when we maintain a guilty conscience?

**Q7.** In 2 Corinthians 13:5 we are exhorted to examine ourselves as to whether we are in the faith. How do we do that

and how is our conscience involved in the process?