

## Mutiny

### What is it to reject conscience?

- A. Rejecting conscience is **willful** resistance to the voice of conscience.
1. The word translated “rejected” here in verse 19 is translated “push/thrust away” in Acts 7:27
  2. It is also used in Romans 11:1-2, and is literally translated “cast away”.
- B. Those who reject (strong, deliberate, thrusting away) conscience destroy the true Christianity they once professed.
1. A good (clear, clean, blameless) conscience ...

erodes into a **weak** conscience

deteriorates into a **defiled** conscience

and finally atrophies into a **seared** conscience.

2. A seared conscience no longer feels caution or guilt.  
It is no longer sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s prompting.

### What is shipwreck in regard to the faith?

- A. Shipwreck could be one of three things:

**Opt 1:** **Loss** of salvation:

This is the destruction of your faith, like a ship that crashes on the rocks is completely destroyed and sinks.

**Opt 2:** Proof that you **never** had salvation:

Evidence that your profession of faith in the Lord Jesus was **fake**.

**Opt 3:** Loss of effective, relevant Christian witness and Christian life.

If you shipwreck spiritually...

...then you live a life that is either **irrelevant** to God’s Kingdom  
or **damaging** to God’s reputation or both...

...then you will live a life that hurts you spiritually  
and hurts those you **influence** spiritually.

**Summary:** This is a sober warning for you to stay sensitive to your Bible-informed conscience.

### What is it to hand someone over to Satan?

- A. Handed over to Satan means excommunicated from the church.
1. You were no longer welcomed into the **private** meetings of the church for worship and for communion.
  2. You were no longer under the **shepherding** ministry of the elders and the church.
  3. The local church was a spiritual **family** that was a haven and a protection for believers, and without it, believers would suffer painful spiritual consequences.
- B. The idea was to show the offenders how serious sin is and to shock them into **repentance**.

### What is it to blaspheme?

- A. Blasphemy is to speak against someone in such a way as to harm or injure his or her reputation.  
The word is used in the Bible in relation to humans and to God.
- B. One way you could blaspheme God was to claim some kind of equality with Him. Such a claim would lower God to your level and would therefore be an insult to His deity.
- C. Another way you could blaspheme God was to believe or teach that what was **false** about Him.

### Message

Mutiny against Captain Jesus always leads to shipwreck.

So What? Now What? Action Points:

- Persistent disobedience is very bad for *your* spiritual health, for your *family’s* spiritual health and for your *church’s* spiritual health.
- Is there any attitude or behavior you need to forsake, any thinking you need to change, or any belief you need to align with Scripture?