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- Weak conscience: 1 Cor. 8:7-12; 10:23-28
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- illuminates Scripture for believers (1 Cor. 2:14)
- is needed because we are dulled by sin (Heb. 5:11) and veiled by Satan (2 Cor. 4:3-4)
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