

The intention of my thesis is to explain the issue of guilt as a natural part of a human life. I try to consider different approaches to guilt as they have passed during the centuries until now. I also briefly consider the psychological insight into dealing with our own guilt. Starting point to my understanding of guilty conscience as a way to goodness is Jasper's conception of guilt. Jasper's division of guilt into four elements is fundamental for my recognition of four levels of guilt in biblical events of the Old and New Testament. However Jasper's recognition of guilt can not be fully compared to biblical events, it can be considered as a pattern that is actual to current times. My intention is to point out guilty conscience that forms and outlines human determination, gives knowledge of faith that is necessary for dealing with guilt. Guilty conscience that opens a horizon of faith is illustrated especially in biblical events that create pattern situations either for a human of the 21st century. Guilty conscience is actually of future characteristics since it opens a level of life that is formed by religious or transcendence faith. My thesis tries to consider guilt as a dynamics of life for such knowledge refers to the past but particularly shows the way to the future. Last but not least guilty conscience strengthens religious faith.