



Intro to The Renewed Mind

I'd like to begin one of the Christian walk's most powerful subjects—the Renewed Mind. The renewed mind is the answer to how to walk with unheard of power. Imagine living with a trouble-free mind. All too often, man succumbs to worldly pressures long after the culprit's departure. Memories linger, passions build, conscious is ignored, will is turned, and heart is trumped. The well-meaning Christian wallows in defeat. Until the heart is considered and given its rightful position, life will remain helter-skelter and the renewed mind will be elusive.

(Prov 4:23 KJV) Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

The heart is to rule over memory, emotion, conscious, and will.

(Prov 13:12 KJV) Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the



desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

A heart full of God's Word is akin to the tree of life growing within.

(Prov 14:30 KJV) A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

The Word of God is to be acted upon every day. That is the illuminated mind, the renewed mind.

(Eph 4:18 KJV) Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because

of the blindness of their heart:

When the heart is ignored, it grows blind and alienates the life of God. If you want life to flow, take heed unto your heart.

Husband or wife is sanctified

I have one more subject of salvation to cover before we delve into the Renewed Mind. You may have been wondering about an unsaved spouse or child. I'd like to introduce a wonderful benefit of salvation that transpires because you are born again. As a Christian, you're a gate keeper, so to speak. Let me explain.

(1 Cor 7:14 KJV) For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

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Deliberate on this verse. The scenario is this: the wife is a Christian (sanctified), and the husband is not. And the opposite: the husband is a Christian (sanctified), and the wife is not. In both scenarios, the children (before they make their salvation decision) were not born again (unclean), but now they are (clean). Because one spouse is a Christian, the other becomes sanctified. I'd call that the marvel of the 'one flesh' and proof of God's abiding love. Same goes for the children. Everyone will be gathered together at Christ's return.

Oh, by the way. Even if this doctrine is doubted, or worse, denied, it does not change. God sanctifies His own how He chooses.

Children are sanctified

The unsanctified legally belongs to Satan, except children of Christian parent(s).

(Eph 2:2-3 KJV)
Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now

worketh in the children of disobedience: {3} Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

It says, 'we all'. That's what it means. Exceptions apply only for those sanctified one. The immensity of the new birth is astonishing. The precious child belongs to God even though he is a natural man. This remains in effect until he becomes born again at the age of accountability. Then he or she becomes sanctified by receiving the gift of holy spirit.

Unconditional spirit

The new birth provides more than Adam had because Adam's sonship was conditional. Adam jumped the gun, so to speak. He ate from a tree denied him. The original commandment was:

(Gen 2:16-17 KJV)
And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest

freely eat: {17} But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

The order: don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Their response: provided in Eve's answer to satan.

(Gen 3:3 KJV) But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Because Eve didn't accept God's Word, she became victim to fraud, to a traitor's belief, and to reckless abandon, convincing Adam to follow her folly.

(Gen 3:4 KJV) And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Not only did satan confuse her and, in absolute denial, accept her answer, he blatantly lied, sealing mankind's fate. He told her that she shall not surely die. God said, 'lest ye die.' Death was

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the consequence of ingesting the knowledge of good and evil.

Ah, but all is not lost. We'll eat of a better tree soon, the tree of life.

(Rev 2:7 KJV) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Too bad Mr. and Mrs. Elohim couldn't wait. If you were staring down the tree of knowledge of good and evil, I suppose you might not want to wait either. Fortunately, this and other trees were removed, thus removing future temptation.

(2 Th 3:5 KJV) And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

Eating of trees is majestic to say the least, unquestionable honor bestowed upon God's creation. Trees provide life-flow at its finest. In a way, that's just like water. Did you know that water has life? If you microwave boil

water and water your plants, they will die. When you drink natural water, you are drinking life. Perhaps a life lesson that could alter your health.

After the fall, a curse fell on man. When you disobey God, already established laws work against you. These are called curses.

(Gen 3:17 KJV) And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

We are to hearken unto the voice of God, not man. From this time forth, man was forced to eat in sorrow, a complete turn of events. Allow me to share a complete marvel. Eating from the ground brings sorrow whereas eating from trees brings life. I'm not saying to not eat from the ground; I'm illuminating a hidden truth. If you garden, you already know that: you experience far more excitement from a fruit-bearing tree than an on-

ion stalk, or a carrot shoot. Both have a certain beauty, but a tree can't be outdone by a chili pepper.

(Deu 20:19 KJV) When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an ax against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field is man's life) to employ them in the siege:

Holy spirit was gifted without condition. Adam entered life's realm with a perfectly renewed mind. At the new birth, we must undo years of nonsense and begin anew via a transformation called the renewed mind. Then we'll leave ground's sorrow and rise to heavenly joy!

To manifest holy spirit is to receive this gift into manifestation. You literally become a tree with fruit. This power can be evidenced once a person has believed and received holy spirit. Only potential power is initially received. Then, we must manifest it. Believe, receive, manifest. The re-

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mainder of this series is devoted to receiving holy spirit power.

John the Baptist was the only man who was filled with holy spirit from human birth.

(Luke 1:15 KJV) For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

Jesus received holy spirit when he was baptized.

(John 1:32 KJV) And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

He was a man and studied God's Word just like we do. He learned his purpose from God's Word, and then redeemed man. Men are born without spirit. This is why Jesus had to be born without holy spirit. No man is born into this world being a son of God. Sonship comes from the new birth.

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Well, I hope you realize that a Christian has special benefits available to him. Just how do you manifest this newfound power? It's inside; it needs to be outside. The answer is, 'by the renewed mind.'

The faith of Jesus Christ bridges the gap from God to man. We must act upon Jesus Christ's accomplishment which was given to us when we became born again.

Much love in Christ!

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