



The Renewed Mind-Part II

How do you renew your mind?

(Rom 12:2 KJV) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

A person of body and soul has believing ability. Believing is simply reading the Word and acting on it. Believe and act. You had to do this when you become born again. Becoming born again is the first renewed mind act.

Put God's thoughts in your mind

Number 1: Put God's thoughts in your mind. Thinking God's thoughts is practicing the presence of God. The renewed mind is a day by day walk. It's no disgrace to stumble; that's what walking is. All walking is



falling. This applies to learning how to walk according to God's Word too. How will you learn to walk without a first step? Just take that first step. If you think it's too big, do it anyway. That's how you practice God's presence.

Give much time to the study of the Word

Number 2: Study the Word to learn what God has to say. Give much time to the study of the Word. Get rid of other reading materials for awhile. You have so many others lying around. Sell them and give the money to someone researching the Word. For the next 3 months, if you will give yourself entirely to

reading the Word and applying the principles that you learn, even your neighbors won't recognize you.

Live the Word

Number 3: Live the Word. By following number two, you'll naturally be able to live God's Word. To be successful: a. Love God. b. Love His Word. c. Love your neighbors.

Renew your mind and believe what God's word says

(Rom 12:3 KJV) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Think soberly according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Even if you don't feel like doing so,

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think soberly. This is a deliberate action and is controlled by free will. Place God's Word into your mind and walk out on it.

The synchronized confession

Most Christians have not learned to walk by believing, rather emotions and feelings. We must believe that the Bible is God's Word and walk out on it. Believe first and then receive. Don't be tricked by your five senses. They will always demand that we walk by what we see or hear, etc. We must become trained to walk by the revealed Word of God. Make our mouths say what our minds believes from the depth of our hearts. This is called the synchronized confession.

This can't happen without understanding our legal sonship rights. Earthly families have communal rights readily practiced by each family member. So does the spiritual family. This is why learning them is so vital.

Sonship Rights

An individual's believing is conditioned by what he thinks of God. Such thoughts should originate from the Word. What better way to get to know God; learn your sonship rights. Learning them will keep the devil from talking you out of what is rightfully yours. Once you learn your sonship rights, you'll be able to walk right up to God and claim what's yours. You'll learn to tell the devil to back off, that he has no right over you. Tell him to go to hell where he belongs. You have this right. We are so legally right, it would pale any worldly legal system.

Our Legal Standing

(Luke 12:31 KJV) But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Because people do not seek the things of God, they are bound by sin consciousness. They seek many other things, but all of those things are subtracted from them. Let's renew our minds so that we can show the world that God is still alive and that He lives within us! Let's

start by reviewing our sonship rights.

Justified

Justification means, 'just as if I hadn't sinned.' God justified you through Christ. In God's eyes, you are innocent.

(Rom 3:26 KJV) To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Our justification comes from God and can never be removed.

(Rom 8:30 KJV) Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Glorified

How wonderful! Justification, our innocence, leads us to glorification, honor. Romans tells us that since we're justified, innocent, we

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are also glorified. He made us glorious; He honors us.

(Rom 8:16-17 KJV) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: {17} And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Sadly, our glorification is a little-known truth. But it cannot be undone. God glorified us when we became born again.

Righteous

We stand before God without any sense of sin, guilt or shortcomings. That's what it means to be righteous. We are 100% right before God. He made us that way.

(2 Cor 5:21 KJV) For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

We are made the righteousness of God in Christ. Jesus Christ took our sins upon him. We did not make our-

selves righteous; God granted us righteousness through Christ's works. Now, I have all that Jesus Christ made available. Spiritually, you've already received everything that you'll ever receive. Christ gave those things by what he wrought on Calvary. When he sat down at God's right hand, he took us with him; the act was complete. Through what Jesus Christ accomplished, we are as legal as we could ever be. We are righteous.

Sanctified

Sanctified means, 'holy.' It's just as if we never sinned.

(1 Cor 1:30 KJV) But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption are given unto us through Christ. You can't sanctify yourself. Christ did that when he sat down at God's right hand. Brushing your teeth three times a day won't do it either.

Sanctify means, 'to be set apart.' Before becoming born again, human birth was as good as it could get. We were set apart as humans. The new birth sets us apart as Christians.

Wisdom

(1 Cor 1:30 KJV) But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Allow me to repeat 1 Corinthians 1:30 in this discussion on wisdom. The basis of this wisdom is the knowledge of Christ.

(1 Cor 2:6 KJV) Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

It has nothing to do with man's wisdom. It has nothing to do with satan's wisdom. Devils don't know this wisdom.

(1 Cor 2:13 KJV) Which things also we

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speaking, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost [God] teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

This wisdom is taught to us by God. It is spiritual in nature.

(2 Cor 1:12 KJV) For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

It is a representation of God's grace. It is simple and it is sincere.

(Eph 1:8 KJV) Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence [good sense];

God gives an abundance of wisdom and good sense. A deeper study will show that great mysteries are hidden within God's wisdom. For example:

(Eph 1:9 KJV) Having

made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

(Eph 1:17 KJV) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

We are asked to pray to be given the spirit of wisdom and revelation. We find this request in Ephesians and Colossians.

(Col 1:9 KJV) For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Wisdom has within it mysteries, warnings, treasures, and knowledge, but does not have shows of will-worship, humility, and neglecting of the body. Satisfying the flesh has nothing to do with this wisdom.

How to walk in wisdom

(Col 4:5-6 KJV) Walk

in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. {6} Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

This wisdom is available to all Christians.

(James 1:5-6 KJV) If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. {6} But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

The wisdom given by God is unlike earthly wisdom and is identified by the following characteristics.

(James 3:17 KJV) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

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As sons of God, we have the right to claim godly wisdom. That is a vital and real sonship right.

Redeemed

Our redemption means that the ransom was paid. We are free, no longer slaves to the world.

(Gal 3:13 KJV) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

The curse was removed because Christ died on a tree and became a curse for us. If legal redemption had not taken place, Christian sonship would never have followed. The nature of the spiritual battle required absolute legality.

(Gal 4:5 KJV) To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons [text – sonship].

Jesus Christ redeemed Israel from the curse of the law. After that, it became possible for us to receive Christian sonship as born-again ones.

The redemption that we have in Christ is not partial redemption.

(Titus 2:14 KJV) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Our redemption is totally complete and can never be undone. He redeemed us from all iniquity. ‘All iniquity’ encompasses every sin. It includes old, recent and newly committed iniquity. Christians are redeemed from sin.

We need to know who we really are

Christians are a people out of time, so to speak. They live in the Grace Administration which falls between the Christ Administration and the Gathering Together. The sonship rights I’ve listed afford us a unique position before God now and throughout eternity. We are not adopted children; we are born again children of the Most High God. We should ask, as such special people,

what has God made available to us?

(Eph 6:11-18 KJV) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. {12} For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. {13} Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. {14} Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; {15} And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; {16} Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. {17} And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: {18} Praying always with all prayer

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and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Ephesians 6 breaks opens a treasure chest of spiritual wonder. Start here by putting on the armor of God, and then doing one thing – stand – via the renewed mind.

Much Love in Christ.

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