



Renewing the Mind

- We will be teaching today from the bible.
- I'm using the Amplified version. Of course - you can use the version that you prefer.
- The bible is the only truth.
- It is the inspired word of God.
- God's truth comes to us by **revelation** from the **Holy Spirit** as we meditate on His word.



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- Our subject today is: **Renewing the mind.**
- Let's answer a few questions!
- What do we mean by “**Renewing the Mind**”?
- What is, and where is the Mind?
- **How** do we renew the Mind?
- Why is it important to renew the Mind?



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- We are instructed by God to renew our mind.
- *Romans 12:2*
- *Do not be conformed to this world (this age), fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs, but be transformed (changed) by the entire renewal of your mind by its new ideals and its new attitude, so that you may prove for yourselves what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect in His sight for you.*



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- We were created in the image of God.
- We are made up of three parts.
- We are Spirit.
- With a Soul, which is:
 - Our Mind
 - Our Will
 - And our emotions.
- The ultimate destination for our Spirit and Soul is either heaven or hell.
- And we live in a body (we leave our body behind when it dies).



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- It is important for us to realise, to understand, who we really are in Christ – not who we are trying to be – but who we are.
- And it is also important to understand “who we **were**”!
- Well, - who are we?



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- The great mystery – the person of Christ is within us – the hope of glory.
- [Colossians 1:27](#)
-*the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ within** and among you, the Hope of realizing the glory.*
- For those of us who are “born again” Christ is within.
- We are spirit, made alive by the indwelling Holy Spirit.



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- Jesus is in us – we are part of His body.
- So, we have healing, health, financial provision, love, peace, joy, authority, purpose and more.
- We have these things because we **have Him** and He is all of these things.
- As He is so are we in this world.
- It's a question of identity – we are no longer who we were – now we are in Christ and he is in us.



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When we are Born Again some amazing changes occur.

Change 1).

We are a new creation.

- *2 Corinthians 5:17*
*Therefore, if any person is ingrafted in Christ (the Messiah) he is **a new creation (a new creature altogether)**; the old previous moral and spiritual condition has passed away. Behold, the fresh and **new** has come!*
- **The old previous moral and spiritual condition has passed away – we are a brand-new species!**



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Now we are spiritually alive – no longer dead in our sins.

- [Romans 8:10](#)
- *But if Christ lives in you, then although your natural body is dead by reason of sin and guilt, the spirit is **alive** because of the righteousness that He imputes to you.*
- **Note: our natural body (carnal, worldly body) is dead by reason of sin and guilt – more on that later.**
- [Ephesians 2:1](#)
- *And you He made **alive**, when you were dead (slain) by your trespasses and sins*



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Change 2). We have the mind of Christ!

- 1 Corinthians 2:16



*For who has known or understood the **mind** (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? **But we have the mind of Christ** (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of **His** heart.*

- With our new mind our thinking is changed!

- Ephesians 4:23

- *And be constantly renewed in the **spirit** of your **mind** having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude,*



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Change 3). We have a new nature!

- [Galatians 6:15](#)
- *For neither is circumcision now of any importance, nor uncircumcision, but only a new creation the result of a new birth and a **new nature** in Christ Jesus, the Messiah.*
- [Galatians 5:24](#)
- *And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) **have** crucified the flesh (the godless human **nature**) with its passions and appetites and desires.*
- **So, we are not crucifying our flesh – it is already done.**



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Our old man/woman is dead – no longer exists – because we were crucified with Christ.

- [Galatians 2:20](#)

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I have been crucified with Christ in Him I have shared His crucifixion; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.



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When we are “born again” we are quite a different person to previous! Now we are a living spirit dwelling in a body of flesh.

- The truth that we need to grasp is that it is not possible to renew our natural mind – it’s dead.
- We receive a new mind which is alive to Christ.



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As previously stated, when we are born again we receive the mind of Christ.

This is our **spiritual** mind.

It is the mind which we will use to live out of, for the rest of our lives.

Our Natural mind – our carnal, worldly mind is dead – that is - it is disconnected from God.

It never was connected to God because that would be impossible.

Our mind can only be connected to God when we are in Christ – Spirit to Spirit.



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Let's look at the Scriptural basis for saying that.

Romans chapter 8 verses 1 to 15.

Verse 7 is the key but let's start at verse 1 because there are some truths which renew our thinking and motivation.

- *1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live and walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit.*
- Now we live in obedience to the word of God not according to our old ways which were carnal and unbelieving.
- By choosing to focus on who God says we are we find that our thinking becomes changed – it is all about “identity” – in Christ and Christ in us.
- *2 For the law of the Spirit of life which is in Christ Jesus the law of our new being has freed me from the law of sin and of death.*



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- *³ For God has done what the Law could not do ,its power being weakened by the flesh the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, God condemned sin in the flesh subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice,*
- *⁴ So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us **who live and move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit** our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit.*
- So, we are no longer trying to satisfy the LAW with all its legal requirements in order to become acceptable to God – we are now free under the LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE.
- The guilt and condemnation and punishment for our misdemeanours, our sin, has been fully paid for by Jesus – we are redeemed and have received the free gift of life.



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Now we see that we have two minds – the natural and the spiritual.

- *⁶ Now **the mind of the flesh** which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit is death death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter. **But the mind of the Holy Spirit** is life and soul peace both now and forever.*
- The natural mind is dead because it is not connected to God .
- In fact, it cannot be connected and the next verse tells us why.



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Here is the key verse.

- ***7 That is because the mind of the flesh with its carnal thoughts and purposes is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot.***
- *8 So then those who are living the life of the flesh catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature cannot please or satisfy God, or be acceptable to Him.*
- Our natural mind is hostile to God.
- So, trying to live a Godly life though our natural mind is a futile waste of time.
- We need to focus on our Spiritual mind, living according to God's truth, believing what He says about us.
- We need to ignore the devil and let our old carnal thoughts and motivations just fade into obscurity.



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- Our natural mind is hostile to God.
- So, if we try to renew our natural mind, we are attempting the impossible.
- We would be engaging in a dead good work that goes nowhere and we would end up frustrated and defeated.
- So, what do we do?
- Because the Holy Spirit has given us the “Mind of Christ” we are now able to understand the Word of God and now we are able to live righteously according to the Will of our heavenly Father.
- **The word of God is the key which brings life and victory.**
- **Living in obedience to the WORD is key and confirms our new identity.**
- **We must be doers of the WORD – not merely hearers or knowledge gatherers.**



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- Why is it important to **avoid** living according to our natural, carnal, worldly mind?
- The devil seeks to rob, kill and destroy us.
- The devil and his demons can only attack us through our natural minds- through our carnality, our worldliness, our soulishness or flesh.
- He cannot attack us through our spirit because it is our direct and exclusive connection to God.
- He will say “nothing has changed – you still have the same old sinful desires and thoughts”.
- But he is a liar – these are just lies and temptations that he is trying to bait you with.
- Remember what he said to Eve in the Garden of Eden – “you will not surely die if you eat the forbidden fruit” – he was lying.



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- For us who are “born again” Everything has changed.
- You are a new creation with the mind of Christ and complete with a new nature.
- Don’t listen to that loser the devil and his coworkers, instead tell him where to get off.
- All his activity is taking place in the natural mind which is dead – crucified with Christ.
- If you remind yourself of what God says in His word and you insist on depending on Gods truth, you can resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- The devil cannot pervert us in our spirit because we are sealed by the Holy Spirit.



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- The remaining verses summaries the truth.
- *⁹ But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if the Holy Spirit of God really dwells within you directs and controls you. But if anyone does not possess the Holy Spirit of Christ, he is none of His he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child of God.*
- *¹⁰ But if Christ lives in you, then although your natural body is dead by reason of sin and guilt, the spirit is alive because of the righteousness that He imputes to you.*
- Here is another life-giving truth in verse 11, which will renew what we believe and change our thinking.
- *¹¹ And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you.*
- It says that if the Holy Spirit lives in you He will restore life to your mortal body.
- I suspect that means divine health to those who believe right now on the earth and a new incorruptible body when we depart this earthly life – that's Dynamite!!
- When we choose to believe that truth we renew our minds.



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- Concluding verses.
- *¹² So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh we are not obligated to our carnal nature, to live a life ruled by the standards set up by the dictates of the flesh.*
- *¹³ For if you live according to the dictates of the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the Holy Spirit you are habitually putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the evil deeds prompted by the body, you shall really and genuinely live forever.*
- *¹⁴ For all who are **led by the Spirit of God** are sons of God.*
- *¹⁵ For the Spirit which you have now received is not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption the Spirit producing sonship in the bliss of which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!*
- Let us be led by the Spirit, believing and depending on the truth of God's word.



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Before we were saved we engaged in SIN and were sinned against, thereby suffering all sorts of hurts and abuses.

- We carry the memory of this.
- To survive, we learned ways of dealing with the pain and consequences.
- Now we are born again our adversary, the devil, will play with our mind, reminding us and lying to us that nothing has changed (**that's if we listen to him!**).



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Let us consider a situation where we were sinned against and abused as a youngster.

It left us scarred and we developed ways of avoiding future hurt.

But when we were born again that person who was damaged no longer exists.



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The person the devil is tormenting is dead!

- Jesus dealt with it all at the whipping post and on the cross – He paid the price – He carried away all our hurt and pain - He was punished so that we do not need to be.
- Now we are FREE – a new creation – born again!
- **Remember!**
- **We are spirit** - with a soul - living in a body!



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Your old man/woman was dead in your sins but when you got saved you were raised new, completely transformed!

- [Colossians 2:12](#)
- *Thus you were circumcised when you were buried with Him in your baptism, in which you were also raised with Him to a new life through your faith in the working of God as displayed when He raised Him up from the dead.*
- **Renew your thinking – start living according to your new identity. You are saved, sanctified and holy in Christ Jesus.**



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Change 4).

Every curse over our lives is broken!

- *Galatians 3:13*
- *Christ purchased our freedom redeeming us from the **curse** (doom) of the Law and its condemnation by Himself becoming a **curse** for us, for it is written in the Scriptures, **Cursed** is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified);*



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We have been delivered !

- [Luke 1:74](#)
- *To grant us that we, being **delivered** from the hand of our foes, might serve Him fearlessly.*
- [Luke 4:18](#)
- *The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me the Anointed One, the Messiah to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as **delivered** those who are oppressed who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity,*
- We are those who have been sent forth delivered.



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Ephesians 2:5

- *Even when we were dead (slain) by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favour and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (**delivered** from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).*



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Change 5).

Faith

- We don't need to ask for more faith.
- Why? Because we already **have Him (as He is so are we in this world – it is no longer I that live but Christ that lives in me)**.
- We just need to make up our mind to exercise the faith we have.
- We renew our mind by dealing with our unbelief!
- We step out and become doers of the word.



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Change 6).

Power

- [2 Timothy 1:7](#)
- *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but He has given us a spirit of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced **mind** and discipline and self-control.*



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Change 7). We are Righteous

- We are not trying to be righteous to somehow gain God's approval!
- We are already righteous if we have accepted the substitute sacrifice of Jesus.
- [Romans 9:30](#)
- *What shall we say then? That Gentiles who did not follow after righteousness who did not seek salvation by right relationship to God have attained it by faith **a righteousness imputed by God**, based on and produced by faith,*



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Change 8). Healed

- Jesus took all our sickness and diseases
- [Matthew 8:17](#)
- And thus He fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, He Himself took in order to carry away our weaknesses *and* infirmities and bore away our **diseases**.
- [1 Peter 2:24](#)
- He personally bore our sins in His own body on the tree as on an altar and offered Himself on it, that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness.
By His wounds you have been healed.
- **Have been!**
- **Now decide to resist the devil!**



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- Let us look at this one in a little more detail.
- If Jesus carried all our sicknesses and diseases why do we get sick and experience pain today?
- That symptom is not occurring in our spirit – it is occurring in our flesh.
- We can take authority over it and command it to go.
- We command our body to be healed and to submit to our spirit which is in Christ Jesus.



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- We do not focus on the problem. (the pain, the cancer or any such work of our adversary).
- We are not sick!
- Yes, our body in which we live is suffering an unwanted attack.
- Our adversary, the devil works through our natural, carnal, mind of the flesh to convince us that we are going to die or that we must live with the problem.
- We must resist his lies and focus on the solution which is the Lord Jesus and His revealed truth..
- Now decide to resist the devil!
- **This principle works for every area that the adversary tries to inflict problems – that is how it works – God gave us the authority in the name of Jesus.**
- **Now, decide to change your thinking and base your life on what God says.**
- **Ignore all the concerns and worries in your carnal mind – it is dead and hostile to God and cannot submit to Gods Law .**



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Change 9). He gave us authority

- We don't need to beg for it –we already have it!
- We change our thinking by deciding operate in Gods authority!
- [Luke 10:19](#)
- *Behold! I have given you **authority** and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and physical and mental strength and ability over all the power that the enemy possesses; and nothing shall in any way harm you.*



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So how do we renew our mind?

- We choose to believe all those changes just noted.
- By studying and meditating on the word (the bible!) – not walking by sight, but by trusting what the word says.
- We exercise our faith – that is, we trust and rely on the **truth** revealed in the scriptures and we trust who it sets forth and we do not trust our circumstances.
- We need to bring our thinking in-line with our new reality in Christ.



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- When we are born again, we are not trying to put on a veneer - we have already fundamentally changed in so many ways.
- **We renew our mind by deciding to believe what we already have “in-Christ” – the moment we are born again..**

- *2 Corinthians 5:17*

- *Therefore if any person is ingrafted in Christ (the Messiah) **he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old previous moral and spiritual condition has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!***



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- **We choose to live in newness of life.**
- *Romans 6:4*
- *We were buried therefore with Him by the **baptism** into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, so we too might habitually live and behave in newness of life.*



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- **We have died and risen again as a new man/woman.**
- *Romans 6:8*
- *Now if we have **died** with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,*
- *Colossians 3:3*
- *For as far as this world is concerned you have **died**, and your new, real life is hidden with Christ in God.*



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- We choose to live according to our new nature by putting off old habits.
- *Ephesians 4:22*
- *Strip yourselves of your former nature put off and discard your old unrenewed self which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion;*



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Be transformed.

- *Romans 12:2*
- *Do not be conformed to this world (this age), fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs, but be transformed (changed) by the entire renewal of your **mind** by its new ideals and its new attitude, so that you may prove for yourselves what is the good and acceptable and perfect **will** of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect in His sight for you.*



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- *Hebrews 10:16*
- *This is the agreement (testament, covenant) that I will set up and conclude with them after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their hearts, and I will inscribe them on their minds (on their inmost thoughts and understanding),*



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We must get our focus right

- We set our minds on the things of the Spirit (the Word of God).
- We discover **that** by meditating on the word and not on this world's carnal solutions.
- We walk by faith – not by sight!
- *Romans 8:5*
- *For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their **minds** on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their **minds** on and seek those things which gratify the Holy Spirit.*



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The End!

- There you go – that’s it for now!
- Thank you for listening.
- You can see this again on my website at <https://eleos.online> where there is a downloadable copy of the transcript in pdf form.