

THINK JESUS

Change Your Mind, Change Your Life

July 30, 2023

2 Corinthians 3:18 MSG We are *transfigured* like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter & more beautiful as God enters our lives & we become like Him.

*We're talking about soul transformation,
that makes us shine as bright lights of God's reflection in your world.*

Colossians 3:10 Put on your new nature (*man*), & be renewed as you learn to know your Creator & become like Him.

Jesus is trying to bring Christlike transformation to all of us, all the time.

Ephesians 4:20 MSG ...You learned Christ! My assumption is that you've paid careful attention to Him, been well instructed in the truth precisely as we have it in Jesus. Since then, we don't have the excuse of ignorance, everything & I do mean everything connected w/ that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through & through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life; a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside & working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces His character in you.

When your life is w/ Jesus, your life will be transformed.

A lifestyle of reviewing our hearts; turning our back & going in a new direction; a commitment to personal change & resolve to live differently.

The goal of every Christian is to be transformed by God!

Romans 7:14 The trouble is not w/ the law, for it is spiritual & good. The trouble is w/ me, for I'm all too human, a slave to sin. 15 I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what's right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. 16 But if I know that what I'm doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. 17 So I'm not the one doing wrong; it's sin living in me that does it. 18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. 19 I want to do what's good, but I don't. I don't want to do what's wrong, but I do it anyway. 20 But if I do what I don't want to do, I'm not really the one doing wrong; it's sin living in me that does it....

Romans 7:25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

Romans 8:1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus (*who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit*). 2 Because you belong to Him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. 3 The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent His own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. 4 He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

Romans 8:5 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature *think* about (*set their minds on*) sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit *think* about things that please the Spirit. 6 Letting your sinful (*flesh*) nature control your *mind* leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your *mind* (*spiritually minded*) leads to life & peace.

Romans 8:7 For the sinful nature (*carnal mind*) is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, & it never will. 8 That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature (*fleshly mind*) can never please God. 9 But you aren't controlled by your sinful nature. You're controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. **Remember that those who don't have the Spirit of Christ living in them don't belong to Him at all.** 10 Christ lives w/in you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you *life* because you've been made right w/ God.

2 Corinthians 10:3 NKJV For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments & every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, *bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

Control the flesh/carnal/old man thoughts...

1 Corinthians 2:16 AMP For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels & purposes) of the Lord so as to guide & instruct Him & give Him knowledge? (*Isa. 40*) But *we have the mind of Christ* (the Messiah) & do hold (understand) the thoughts (feelings & purposes) of His heart.

(The Holy Spirit reveals the mind of the Lord to us. We purposefully/intentionally think like Jesus, from God's perspective.)

Philippians 2:5 NKJV Let this *mind be in you* which was also in Christ Jesus

A powerful way to renew our minds is to think on the Philippians 4 list..

Philippians 4:7 TPT then God's wonderful peace that transcends human understanding, will guard your heart & *mind* through Jesus Christ. 8 Keep your *thoughts* continually fixed on all that is authentic & real, honorable & admirable, beautiful & respectful, pure & holy, merciful & kind. And fasten your *thoughts* (*meditate/think on; fix your mind; set your mind*) on every glorious work of God, praising Him always.

REPENTANCE

2 Corinthians 7:10 The kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin & results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death

*God's trying to move us beyond justifying, excusing, blaming, & covering!
You can't be healed & made whole if you never accept your part.
Humble yourself; say God forgive me, heal me, & help me...*