

THINK JESUS

Change Your Mind, Change Your Life

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Romans 12:2 NKJV Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what *is* that good & acceptable & perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior & customs of this world, but **let God transform you** into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you'll learn to know God's will for you, which is good & pleasing & perfect.

Testimony: Saved at 11; filled w/ the Spirit; but I had bad thoughts & actions & temptations & I sinned! Church talked about heaven! "I'll Fly Away, When We All Get To Heaven; Heaven Is A Wonderful Place... sounded like a great place, but until then we live hell on earth!"

Have you ever wondered why good Christians sin?; get angry; be selfish; fearful; marriages fail?; walk away/backslide?; etc.

The grace & blood of Jesus provided salvation from spiritual death & sin, but He didn't save us from our own attitudes, choices or problems.

Ephesians 4:22 NKJV that you **put off**, concerning your former conduct, the *old man* which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**, ²⁴ that you **put on** the *new man* which was created according to God, in true righteousness & holiness.

The spirit of our mind can drag us back into old thinking, the old man; unless we live a lifestyle of conviction dedicated to Jesus.

Ephesians 4:22 throw off your old sinful nature & your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust & deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts & attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God-truly righteous & holy.

We won't live the life that Christ died to give us if we hold on to the old man, the traditions, carnal & negative ways of thinking.

When a Christian's "spirit man" is born again, our thinking patterns must be "reprogrammed". You can change.

This reprogramming or transformational process is what Paul calls renewing the mind.

Transformation - a thorough or dramatic change in form or appearance; Process of alteration, conversion, metamorphosis, transfiguration

The goal of every Christian is to be transformed by God, so we can live in God's perfect will. You can change!

Philippians 2:12 ...you always followed my instructions when I was w/ you. And now that I'm away, it's even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God w/ deep reverence & fear. 13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire & the power to do what pleases Him. (NKJV ...*work out your own salvation*)

Many Christians never take this next step & end up broken, divorced, weak, dying young, or simply living below their God given purpose.

Spirit = inward man, eternal life force; where we sense the Holy Spirit
Soul = mind (thoughts), emotions (feelings), & will (decisions)
Body = flesh, physical beings, under the cursed, subject to the world

Let's go all the way to God's perfect will...now, here on earth!

2 Corinthians 4:16 That's why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.

2 Corinthians 4:16 NKJV We don't lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day

So few of us are experiencing the abundant life God planned for us. I want to put God's victorious transformational thoughts in you! I want to inspire you w/ His thoughts of increase, moving forward!

Colossians 1:27b ...Christ lives in you; this gives you assurance of sharing His glory.

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

*If you want things to change, then YOU have to change.
Don't look up in 5-10 years & wish you had started today.*

1 John 4:17b NKJV ...as He is, so are we in this world.

(The verb tense is important We are not like Jesus was, but because of grace, we are like He is now; pure, holy, seated in heaven, & glorified!)

“AS HE IS NOW, SO AM I”

Your past is a place of reference, not a place of residence.

2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV ...if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ...

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

2 Corinthians 3:16 Whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 The Lord is the Spirit & wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 So all of us who have had that veil removed can see & reflect the glory of the Lord. The Lord-who is the Spirit-*makes us more & more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.*

***This is God's plan for His Church, His people –
glorious, bright, free, full of His superabundant life!***

2 Corinthians 17&18 MSG We're free of it! All of us! Nothing between us & God, our faces shining w/ the brightness of His face. So we are transfigured like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter & more beautiful as God enters our lives & we become like Him.

Jesus was transfigured/transformed.

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

As you're renewing your mind, you are transformed.

Then the life, the love, the light of God starts flowing out of us.