

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”
(Galatians 2:20)

As Christians, we have a powerful truth; that Jesus lives His life through us by the power of the Holy Spirit! We must never underestimate this glorious fact, realizing that it is a completed truth. Because of Christ we are able to be an overcomer and live a victorious life.

We also need to recognize that we have been crucified with Christ. We must put to death the deeds of the flesh by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our flesh is against our spirit but when we choose Christ we have victory.

“For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” (Romans 8:13)

“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:11)

We must come to realize the fact that sin does not, and should not, have

any dominion over us. We must seek the help of the Holy Spirit for success in putting to death the deeds of the flesh.

God wants us to experience the finished work of the Cross of Jesus.

He is willing to help us.

Will we let Him?

Will you let Him?

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*“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.”*
(Romans 12:2 KJV)

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What Does It Mean To Renew Your Mind?

In this case, the Greek word for “renewing” is the word “anakainōsis” (Strong’s G342) and it is defined as:

“a renewal, renovation, complete change for the better”.

RENEW YOUR MIND!

It is always a good idea to get the definitions of the actual key words used in the text.

The Greek word used for “mind” is “nous” (Strong's G3563) and it means:

“the intellectual faculty, the understanding - reason in the narrower sense, as the capacity for spiritual truth - the power of considering and judging soberly, calmly and impartially”.

Therefore, the renewing of our mind speaks of completely changing, for the better, the way we think, and how we understand and judge spiritual truth. That is a tall order!

Why Do We Need Renewed Minds?

We need to think like Christ and be in agreement with His thoughts and plans. Naturally, we think very differently from the way God thinks.

*“For **my thoughts are not your thoughts**, neither are **your ways my ways**, saith the LORD. (9) For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my*

ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8-9 KJV)

The problem is that our thinking does not line up with God’s. The solution is to have our minds renewed. But is this possible?

YES!

The Bible tells us that we have access to the “mind of Christ”. We can think in a way that pleases God.

*“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but **we have the mind of Christ.**”*
(1 Corinthians 2:16)

This renewal of the mind comes in part by “death to self”. We must consciously acknowledge that **every time** our thoughts and ideas disagree with the Bible...

We are ALWAYS WRONG!

This is the starting point for a renewed mind. If we hold tightly to any of our own ideas, and refuse to let the Bible

change or correct them, then those areas of our lives will not be renewed.

How Do We Get Renewed Minds?

The Word of God

One of the ways to obtain a renewed mind is to get into the Word of God. Is there a better way to learn to think more like God? God has given us an entire book that is full of insights into how He thinks. The Bible is the place to start towards the renewal of the mind.

*“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the **washing of water by the word,**” (Ephesians 5:26)*

Jesus is purifying His church and sanctifying it by the washing of the water of the Word of God. If Jesus says that our sanctification is through the Word of God, then our studying of the Bible will be a fruitful blessing in the process.

Jesus living through us