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Renewing Your Mind Pt. 3

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Communion

God sees us as resurrected as Christ has resurrected.

2 Corinthians 5:17-25 “¹⁷Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. ¹⁸And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. ²¹For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

Now God is not judging us of our sins, but He is asking if we had accepted Jesus as our savior in order that all of our sins would be forgiven.

The Corinthians had gotten to a place to where they were forgotten the poor and started feasting when taking the communion, being in the wrong heart.

1 Corinthians 11: 23-27 “²³For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: ²⁴And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. ²⁵After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. ²⁶For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. ²⁷Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.”

It's like when you are driving and you see a caution blinking yellow light. You slow down and look around to see if there is something coming that could cause harm to us. Communion is a time to look at look around you and judge yourself to prevent something from happening.

1 Corinthians 11:28-34 “²⁸But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. ²⁹For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. ³¹For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. ³²But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. ³³Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. ³⁴And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.”

This is often the reason why people are not receiving the best from God and are not in the best of health, because they are not judging themselves.

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Hebrews 12:1-2 “¹Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let

us run with patience the race that is set before us, ²Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

We have people who have gone before us who had gone before us and have prepared the way for us, but physically and spiritually.

“There are those who would say, ‘You will not be able to make it there,’ but you are of a different spirit. The spirit is that. I hear it loud and clear, ringing throughout the land. You are of a spirit of faith, that driving force from within the keeps you reaching and perusing the dream that God planted within. So I say unto you, this day, step out beyond that which would seem impossible, and it will be a like a step of faith that you take. Yes, a new horizon you will see. Yes, a land full of the provisions and the goodness of the Lord, what He has provided for you. A step of faith it must be. You may say, “I cannot see beyond the mountains of the land,” and fear and uncertainty may grip you, but be like those who have gone before us and those how have inherited the abundance of the Lord. You too shall have the abundance that God has provided for you there. A pioneer you shall be, going places where others have not been. So run with the dream and vision that God has placed within your heart.”

God wants to give you a great exchange for all your brokenhearted and pain. Sometimes when rejection sets in, that person is not able to fully fulfill their purpose set by God. We are not able to set our thought life and attitude in the right way of thinking until we renew our mind. They might feel unworthy and that God does not love them.

Romans 12:1-2 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2And 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 12:1-2 (Message) “ 1-2 So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”

There will always be people around you that will criticize you. The world around us has a model that it like so think that it will work out for Christians, but do not conform to that mold.

When you start to renew your mind you start to see yourself as all the promises that God has promised us in the Bible! Take your identification from the Bible not your circumstances around you.

Ephesians 2:6 “And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:”

How Do We Renew Our Mind?

Psalms 1:1-3 “1Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

This is the benefit of a renewed mind.

Jeremiah 17:5-8 “5Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. 6For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. 7Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. 8For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit”

Joshua 1:8 “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”

Mark 4:13-14 “13And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? 14The sower soweth the word”

Parable of the sower and the Harvest.

It will not be an overnight change, but it will take a little bit of time. The principle is to focus on the word that God gives you instead of focusing on the negative parts of life. Think on God’s promises as you go one about your life, while you are driving, working, or at home. Focus on what God has called you instead of what the world calls you.