

# "RENEW YOUR MIND!"

TWCC Teaching Handout — Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018



- **Romans 12:2 (NKJV)** – “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”
  - **Romans 12:2 (TPT)** – “Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God’s will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.
- **Ephesians 4:23 (AMPC)** – “And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude].”
- **Last Week Review (Key Points) to “Saving Our Soul”:**
  - **1<sup>st</sup>** - We need to understand how we as Christian believers and Christ-followers, can give place to the devil (demons and evil spirits) in our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (**Ephesians 4:27**).
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>** – AS BELIEVERS MUST LEARN HOW TO LET THE REAL MAN – THE SPIRIT MAN ON THE INSIDE – DOMINATE THEIR SOUL AND BODY. THAT WILL SOLVE MANY PROBLEMS AS FAR AS THE DEVIL IS CONCERNED. AS BELIEVERS LET THEIR RECREATED SPIRITS DOMINATE, THEY WILL LEARN HOW NOT TO GIVE THE DEVIL ANY ACCESS – SPIRIT, SOUL OR BODY. AN UNREDEEMED, UNRENEWED MIND GIVES ACCESS TO THE DEVIL BECAUSE THE MIND IS THE DOORWAY THROUGH WHICH THE DEVIL GAINS ACCESS TO PEOPLE.
  - **3<sup>rd</sup>** - WE STAND STRONG AGAINST THE DEVIL, DEMONS & EVIL SPIRITS BY RENEWING OUR MINDS and FEEDING OUR SPIRIT. To stand strong against the enemy you will need to learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ your MIND and \_\_\_\_\_ your SPIRIT. With our SPIRIT, we contact the \_\_\_\_\_ realm; with our SOUL, we contact the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ realm; and with our BODY, we contact the \_\_\_\_\_ realm. **James 1:21 (NKJV)** – “Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.” Why aren’t our SOULS \_\_\_\_\_ when we are born again? Because the new birth is a \_\_\_\_\_ birth. It’s not an \_\_\_\_\_ birth – a rebirth of man’s MIND. It’s not a \_\_\_\_\_ birth – a rebirth of man’s SOUL and \_\_\_\_\_. And it’s not a \_\_\_\_\_ birth – a rebirth of man’s body. An unrenewed mind is a major area where believers can give Satan \_\_\_\_\_ to them. Therefore, the Christian believer needs to understand how to receive the engrafted (implanted) \_\_\_\_\_ to save his/her SOUL, so that they can close the door to the devil, demons and evil spirits. **SAVE** = (Greek – Sozo – defined as *to save, deliver, protect, heal, preserve, make well, and make whole*). That means as you actively \_\_\_\_\_ on God’s Word, it saves, delivers, protects, heals, preserves, and makes whole your SOUL (your mind, your intellect, your emotions and your will), which is one of your greatest defenses against the devil, demons and evil spirits.
  - **4<sup>th</sup>** - **James 1:22 (NKJV)** – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” We have to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God, and also we have to \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word of God before it will us any good. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word and \_\_\_\_\_ on it is a powerful defense against Satan (**James 4:7**). As you keep your SOUL strong and \_\_\_\_\_, it’s easier to \_\_\_\_\_ the devil, demons and evil spirits on every front. **1 Peter 1:22 (NKJV)** – “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart” You’ll have to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word before it will profit your SOUL. Your SOUL will be saved, delivered, protected, healed, preserved, and made well and whole by \_\_\_\_\_ and by \_\_\_\_\_ the Word. Believers themselves have to do something about the saving of their own SOULS. As we undergird our SOULS with the Word, Satan won’t have an \_\_\_\_\_ door of access to them. THE MAJOR WAY BELIEVERS CLOSE THE DOOR TO THE DEVIL, DEMONS AND EVIL SPIRITS IS TO GET THEIR MINDS \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE WORD AND BY \_\_\_\_\_ THE WORD. IF THE BELIEVER DOESN’T DEAL WITH HIS \_\_\_\_\_.



# “RENEW YOUR MIND!”...(CONTINUED)

Life Transformation  
is possible  
Through the Renewing of Your Mind!



- Staying in God's Word, saturating our hearts and minds with the Word of God (1<sup>st</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our minds, (2<sup>nd</sup>) arms us for spiritual battle, and (3<sup>rd</sup>) makes us ready to triumph over temptation to quit, grow weary of doing well or drifting into the darkness of sin and evil.
- **Key Truth to Remember:** “If your thoughts are not **entreating**, **edifying** or **comforting** that are not of God (**Philippians 4:8**); keep in mind also, that Satan does not need to control your action – he only needs to influence your thinking.” If he can deceive and defeat you in the mind, he can deceive and defeat you. To go and grow to another level you have to think on another level. To go higher you have to think higher!
- **RENEWING THE MIND KEYS AND PRACTICES:**
  - **KEY #1: YOU CAN CHANGE TO MAKE YOUR LIFE WHAT YOU WANT TO BE.** If we will \_\_\_\_\_ our way of thinking according to the principles in the Bible, we will find the success in life we so desperately need. (**2 Timothy 3:16 – 17**).
  - **KEY #2: THE NEW BIRTH CHANGES YOUR SPIRIT – RENEWING THE MIND CHANGES THE SOUL (MIND, WILL & EMOTIONS).**
  - **KEY #3: YOU CAN BE ON YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN BUT LIVE IN HELL ON EARTH.** When our minds are \_\_\_\_\_ by the Word of God, we will overcome negative desires and live in God's perfect will!
  - **KEY #4: RENEWING THE MIND IS MORE THAN LEARNING; IT IS CHANGING.** We must come to Church not just to learn something new or get new intellectual insights or feel good if the sermon or teaching is stimulating, intriguing or exciting. Instead, we should determine and decide to CHANGE. Renewing the mind is so much more than going through religious motions. It is a conscious EFFORT and LABOR to:
    - ❑ 1. Become aware of how we really think and believe
    - ❑ 2. Become aware of how God wants us to think – in line with His Word. (**Isaiah 55:8 – 9**; **Colossians 3:2**)
    - ❑ 3. Focus our thoughts on God's thoughts. (Example: Meditation; Directed Reading; Study; Talking the Word with Faith Friends)
    - ❑ 4. Practice the thoughts of God until they are our own – (**1 Peter 1:13, 22**; **James 1:21 – 22**)
    - ❑ 5. Live the thoughts of God in everyday life – allow the Word of God to govern what you think (**Philippians 4:6 – 8**)
  - **KEY #5: RENEWING THE MIND IS A LIFESTYLE, NOT AN EXPERIENCE.** Read **2 Corinthians 10:4 – 5 (NKJV)**. Strongholds are thoughts and attitude that have such a grip on your mind that even though you can't help it, you feel like your mind is controlling you and you can't stop thinking certain ways. A stronghold is a fortress of wrongful thoughts that are formed in mind and affect your life. It is a pattern of negative and stinking thinking that is imprisoned in our mind that gives the enemy a protected place of influence. Strongholds are not in heaven, they are in your mind, and they must be pulled down!
  - **KEY #6: RENEWING THE MIND INVOLVES TAKING OFF THE OLD CARNAL THOUGHTS OF THE FLESH AND PUTTING ON THE NEW SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS OF GOD.** **Proverbs 6:23** – “Reproofs of instruction are the way of life...” Reproofs, instruction, confrontation and correction from the Word of God are designed to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to our lives. CHANGE is a way of life. **Read Ephesians 4:22 – 24 (NKJV)**. God uses the principle of taking something off before He can put something on through the New Testament.
  - **KEY #7: TAKING OFF THE OLD MAN IS AS IMPORTANT AS PUTTING ON THE NEW.** (**Ephesians 4:23**; **Philippians 4:8**) Just like a baby who requires a diaper change, when you try to put new thoughts in an old stinking mindset and rotten attitude, it won't be long before the old thoughts start stinking up the new. And soon your life is back in the same old problems.
  - **KEY #8: CHANGE MUST BE A POSITIVE PART OF OUR LIVES, NOT SOMETHING WE AVOID.** **Read Numbers 13:1 – 5; 23 – 33 (NKJV)**. They hadn't changed their way of thinking from their slave mentality in Egypt. Their grasshopper mentality kept them from the promises of God.
  - **KEY #9: YOUR SOUL (MIND, WILL & EMOTIONS) MUST PROSPER BEFORE YOUR LIFE WILL PROSPER.** (**3 John 2**)

