

THE TRANSFORMED MIND
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IS. 55:6-11

INTRODUCTION: Once saved, we receive eternal life. Our spirit is born again and receives the life and nature of God. This new birth transformation doesn't change how we've been programmed to think. God gave us His Word to straighten out our thinking. Our greatest need after being saved is to have our minds renewed to the Word of God.

THE TRI-UNITY OF MAN – 1 THESS. 5:23

God made man a tri-part being – spirit, soul and body. In the fall, all three dimensions were affected. His spirit was separated from God, his soul became darkened and his body became mortal. God sent Jesus to deal with man's threefold dilemma.

MAN'S THREE DIMENSIONS

1. Spirit.
 - A. The real you. **1 PET. 3:4**
 - B. Contacts the spirit realm. Conscience is the voice.
 - C. Needs born again. **JOHN 5:24, 2 COR. 5:17**
2. Soul.
 - A. Comprised of the mind, will, emotions and intellect.
 - B. Contacts the mental, emotional realm. Reason is the voice.
 - C. Needs restored, renewed and saved. **PS. 23:3, ROM. 12:2, JAMES 1:21**
3. Body.
 - A. Our earthly home. **2 COR. 5:1**
 - B. Contacts the physical realm. Feeling is the voice.
 - C. Needs controlled and sacrificed. **1 COR. 9:27, ROM. 12:1**
 - D. Will be glorified. **ROM. 8:22-23, PHIL. 3:20-21**
 - The spirit is saved when born again, the soul is being saved now, and the body will be saved at the rapture.

DIVIDING THE HUMAN SOUL AND SPIRIT – HEB. 4:12

Only God's Word can help us see the difference between the human soul and spirit. In order to grow spiritually, we must be weaned from our old way of thinking and conform to God's way of thinking. Changing how we think produces the transformed life.

- A. We can change clothes, jobs, homes, even our names, but our lives won't change until we change how we think.
- B. **PR. 23:7a (NASB)** – Our thinking affects our believing, speaking and acting.
 - **2 KINGS 5:1-14** - Naaman's wrong thinking affected his believing, speaking and acting. His miracle came when he changed his thinking. There's a battle for control of the mind.
- C. **2 COR. 10:3-5** – The enemy wants to wire us for fear, anxiety, worry depression, defeat and death. God wants us wired for victory.
- D. In the wilderness, Jesus demonstrated thought replacement, **"IT IS WRITTEN!"**
 - **GEN. 4:6-8** – Cain should have done the same!

CONCLUSION: God gave us His Word in order to transform our minds and ultimately our lives. The process is progressive and takes time. Mind transformation requires humility and commitment to study and meditate God's Word. **PR. 3:5-6, PHILEMON 1:6**