

THOUGHTS AND WAYS
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ISAIAH 55:6-9

- Lucifer thought he could overthrow God.
- Eve thought she could have a better life.
- Everyone thought Noah was crazy.
- Goliath thought David was no match for him.
- Jericho thought its mighty walls were impenetrable.
- Naaman thought his way was better than God's
- Peter thought he would never deny Jesus.
- Joseph thought Mary betrayed him.
- Zacharias thought Elisabeth was too old to conceive.
- Satan thought Jesus was defeated at Calvary.
- Ananias and Sapphira thought they could lie.
- Andrew thought Jesus should've come yesterday.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5

- If Gods thoughts and ways are higher than ours, why do we have a difficult time yielding to His thoughts and ways?
- Why is it easier to think our thoughts about ourselves carry more weight than His thoughts of us?

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

- **3 JOHN 2** – God wants us to prosper and be healthy. There is a direct connection between a healthy soul (mind) and a healthy life. As it goes with our soul, so it goes with our lives.
- **PROVERBS 23:7** – Our thinking affects every area of our lives. If we think we are failures, success will be difficult to achieve. If we're pessimistic, every obstacle will be an insurmountable mountain instead a window of opportunity. If we constantly complain, rising above adversity will be difficult.
- **COLOSSIANS 1:18-22** – We can see ourselves as God sees us or we can listen to the thoughts of Satan and others.
- **2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-16** – Paul understood the battle of the mind, so he preached to elevate the soul and lead it to a place of triumph and victory. He wanted us to possess the consciousness of God in our souls and see ourselves as victorious in Christ.
- **ROMANS 8:31-39** – God is for us, He loves us, doesn't condemn us and has already made us more than conquerors in Christ.
- **EPHESIANS 2:8-10** – We are His masterpiece: a work of outstanding artistry, skill or workmanship.
- **PSALMS 34:19** – We all will face opposition, but we must remind ourselves that God delivers. **2 TIMOTHY 3:10-11**

TRUE CHRISTIANITY

1. Christianity is Christ's triumph over Satan, sin and death.
2. Christianity is the life of Christ manifested in those who've been washed in His Blood.
3. Christians are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus. **ROMANS 8:15-17** – An heir is a person legally entitled to the property or rank of another upon his death.
4. Christians have an inheritance in Christ. **EPH. 1:18-20** There are two aspects of our inheritance: the eternal and the here and now.
 - A. Eternal – **2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18** An eternal weight of glory.
 - B. Here and now – **EPHESIANS 1:13-14, 2 PETER 1:3-4, ROMANS 5:17, 8:1-2** and so much more.