

The Power of a Transformed Mind



Colossians 3:1-4

- We Started a Series Title: The Power of A Transformed Life In Christ
- Theme: The Year of Refreshing – The word “refreshing” is synonymous to the word rejuvenate, revive, to renew, restore or to refortify.
- Purpose – to teach us how to become effective and efficient in our walk with Christ as believers.
- Goal – to allow the Holy Spirit to break down the spiritual barriers in our lives, so that we can maximize our growth and fulfill our God-given purpose.
- Dr. Tony Evans – definition of Spiritual Transformation – “It’s an internal change that reflects the character of Christ and brings about a corresponding external change.”
- Whatever happens in our lives come from how we are thinking. If we are going to impact our world for the Kingdom of God, we must change our way of thinking.

A. Apostle Paul teaches us that a Believer has New Life in Christ. What does this mean for every believer? (Colossians 3:1)

1. When a person truly believes and surrender their life to Jesus Christ, God forgives them of their sins and identifies that person with Christ in His death and resurrection with Christ.
2. God counts or credits our faith in Jesus Christ. God literally counts us as having died and risen with Christ.
3. It means that true believers are in union with Christ. (Romans 8:16-17)
4. It means that true believers are identified with Christ.
 - Our identity is in Christ alone. In Him, we find our true self-worth, our true value, our true security, and our safety.
 - When must remind ourselves when it comes our identity, our purpose, our calling – look no further than Jesus Christ and His Word.
5. When Jesus Christ rose from the dead, we rose with Him. What does Jesus Christ resurrection mean for the believer?
 - 1) That the believer has risen with Him. (Colossians 3:4)
 - 2) That the believer has conquered death. (1Corinthians 15:51-58)

3) That the believer is raised to a new life in Christ. (Romans 8:11, Colossians 2:13)

A. There are Nine Things that the Identity of Christ reveals in a Believers life.

- 1. I am a child of God. (John 1:12, Philippians 2:14-15)**
- 2. I am chosen of God. (1 Peter 2:9-10)**
- 3. I am saved and redeemed of the Lord. (Ephesians 1:7)**
- 4. I have eternal life. (John 5:24, 10:28-29; 1 John 5:11-13)**
- 5. I am not lacking anything. (Ephesians 1:2-6, Psalms 34:8-10)**
- 6. I am the salt and light of the world. (Matthew 5:13-16)**
- 7. I am renewed in Christ Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. (2Corinthians 4:16-17)**
- 8. That the I am (Jesus Christ) has started a good work in our lives. (Philippians 1:6)**
- 9. I am reconciled back to God. (Romans 5:8-10)**

C. There are Eleven Things that the Identity of Christ Assures the Believer of.

- 1. That I am a new creature or creation in Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 1:16-17)**
- 2. That I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)**
- 3. That I am His workmanship. (Ephesians 2:10)**
- 4. That I am forgiven. (1 John 1:9, Ephesians 4:32)**
- 5. That I am loved and cared for. (1 John 4:11-12, 1 Peter 5:7, Romans 8:38-39)**
- 6. That I am victorious. (Romans 8:35-37, Deuteronomy 3:22, Isaiah 41:10)**
- 7. That I have perfect peace. (Isaiah 26:3, John 14:27, Romans 5:1-2, Philippians 4:6-7)**
- 8. That I have hope. (Romans 5:2-4)**
- 9. That I have strength. (Isaiah 40:31)**
- 10. That I have joy in His presence. (Psalm 16:11)**
- 11. That I am protected. (Psalm 18:30, 46:1, 91:1-2, 9-12)**

D. What does it mean to set your mind on things above? (Colossians 3:2)

- 1. It means to set (firmly fixed upon) and focus your mind consistently upon heavenly things, and not upon earthly things. (Matthew 6:19-21)**
- 2. The believer is to set and focus his mind upon the things of Jesus Christ and of heaven. (Romans 8:5-6, 12:2, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)**
- 3. If there is no change in how you think, there will be no change in how you live. If you are out of control in your thinking, you will be out of control in your living.**
 - **Apostle Paul is teaching us that if our thinking remain unhealthy, so shall our spiritual, physical and mental be also.**
 - **There are saints who are more in tuned with the things of this world than the things of the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 6:33, Luke 9:62)**
 - **Apostle Paul is teaching us as believer that we should have heavens perspective in all the we say and do.**
 - **Victorious living will require a thinking shift.**
 - **We must get our direction from heaven and not from world. We must mind the things of God and not the things of this world.**

E. How can a Transformed Mind Empower the life of Believers? (Colossians 3:3-4). Apostle Paul gives the answer to this question.

- 1. The believer is dead (not physical), he/she is alive spiritually and active upon the earth.**
 - **The believer old life no longer has any power over them. (Romans 6:14)**
 - **The believer is delivered as they walk in obedience to the truth of God's Word. (Romans 6:15-18)**
- 2. The believer's life is hidden with Christ in God. (vs. 3, Romans 6:1-13)**
 - **The believer now walks in the newness of life through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:4, 1John 3:14)**
 - **The believer has been united together in the likeness of His death and we shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.**

- The believer daily presents themselves to God as being alive from the dead, not as instruments of unrighteousness but instruments of righteousness to God. (vs. 13)
 - The believer life is now positioned with Christ and secured in Christ. (2Timothy 2:10-16, Ephesians 1:13-14, Hebrew 6:18-20, 1 John 5:13, John 10:28-29)
3. The believer has to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (2 Corinthians 10:3-6, Ephesians 6:12)
- F. The Truth of God's Word will transform your thinking. (Romans 12:1-2, John 8:31-32)
1. When our minds are transformed and renewed – so will our thinking and our behaviors (attitude and actions).
 - We will begin to align ourselves with God's will and purposes which will lead us to live our lives in a way that pleases God. (1 Thessalonians 4:1-18)
 2. When we set our minds on God's heavenly perspective we gain a renewed focus. Everything will be done with purpose and pleasing God. (Colossians 3:1-13)
 3. What Happens when a Believer set their minds on Christ Jesus? He strengthens them. He causes them to achieve greatness for God's Kingdom purposes. (Philippians 4:13, Isaiah 26:3, Hebrews 12:1-2)
 4. When our minds are transformed by the Word of God – We remain grounded, stable, and anchored in Jesus Christ, and will be less likely to be swayed by the influences of the world.
 5. Why it is Important for a Believer to Renew their mind? It helps us to stand firm against the enemy (Satan and his demonic cohorts). (Ephesians 6:10-18)
 - Renewing our mind is very important because it allows us to “set” our thoughts and affection on things above, instead of earthly things.
 - Renewing our mind is important because it helps us to better understand God, ourselves, our need and our purpose. (Psalms 119:11)

- **When our minds are transformed and renewed by the Truth of God's Word – we will be better equipped – better witnesses for Christ – better servants – better stewards – better at making wise decisions.**

G. Why is it a necessity to refresh and renew our minds with God's Word?

- 1. Our thoughts directly impact our health and mental wellness – spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally. (3 John 2)**
- 2. Our thoughts will either have a positive or negative influence in our lives. (Proverbs 23:7)**
- 3. When our thoughts are left unchecked (or) we fail to filter our thoughts through the Word of God – this will surely lead to reckless behavior – poor decisions.**