

TOPIC: THE RENEWED MIND.

THEME: WHAT IS A RENEWED MIND?

TEXT: ROMANS 12:1-2; EPHESIANS 4:24, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Introduction

The renewed mind is a necessity for the manifesting of the lifestyle of the kingdom of God. If the mind is not renewed. We will merely embrace a religious way of living and not the mind-set of the kingdom.

A. What it is a renewed mind?

1. You can change to make your mind what it should be. 'Be ye transformed by the....' Roman 12:2
Q: Whose responsibility is it for you to have a changed mind, yours or God?
2. Being born again changes your spirit. Renewing the mind changes your soul
Q: What are the characteristics of a renewed mind?
3. You can be on your way to heaven. But without a renewed mind, you can be living in hell on Earth.
Q: What does a renewed mind do for us in our everyday living?
4. Renewing the mind is more than learning; it is about changing. Romans 12:2
Q: What does changing one's mind entails?
5. Renewing the mind is a lifestyle, not just an experience. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
Q: What do we need to do to make renewing the mind a lifestyle?
6. Renewing the mind requires taking off the old carnal thoughts of the flesh, and putting on the new spiritual thoughts of God "put on the new man". Ephesians 4:24
Q: What do you understand as the "new spiritual thoughts of God"?

Conclusion

Paul talked about us been transformed by the renewing of our "minds." The mind is the key to our Christian walk. The reason why non-believers do not respond to Christian truth is that they cannot discern spiritual truth. The gospel is a call for the unbeliever to repent of his/her sin and embrace Christ by faith. The Greek word translated "repentance" carries the notion of a **change of mind**. Our thinking must be changed (transformed) from old, ungodly ways of thinking into new, godly ways of thinking. What we know in our minds to be true forms a conviction in our

hearts of that truth, and that conviction in our hearts translates into action. Therefore, we must first renew our minds.

The only way to replace the error of the world's way of thinking is to replace it with God's truth, and the only infallible source of God's truth is His revealed Word, the Bible. Transformation through renewed minds comes as believers expose themselves to God's Word through the faithful exposition of it each week in church, personal and group Bible study.