

## The Battle for our Mind 2

In the last lesson we learned that the mind is our identity, it determines who we are. We also learned that we can have the mind of Christ by renewing our mind with the word of God. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, and righteousness, and judgment by revealing the truth in God's word. As we study God's word, the Holy Spirit will show us the areas of our mind that need to be corrected.

Spirit	Soul	Body
New Birth	<b>Mind</b>	See
Communicates with God	Emotions	Smell
Power of God comes through our Spirit	Conscience	Taste
	Personality	Hear
	Will	Feel

1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

Paul is calling us to become mature in our thinking.

Philippians 3:15

All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

The view of things that Paul is talking about in verse 15 refers to verses 4 through 14. This is where Paul explains his change of view from salvation from obeying the law to salvation from belief in Christ's shed blood. In the later part of verse 15, Paul states that if we differ on some point, that God will clarify these differences.

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Ephesians 4:17-24

17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

Verses 18 and 19 describe the Gentile thinking.

20 That, however, is not the way of life you learned 21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

We go from the old self to new self in the attitude of our mind.

Colossians 3:1-5

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

Colossians 3:3 When did you die?

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

We can have control of our mind. Garbage in, garbage out. God's word in, God's word out. We must rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us into the truth of God's word that will renew our mind.