

Renew Your Mind

LESSON 8 – OUTLINE

1. As born-again believers, it's not a nature that now compels us toward sin, but an unrenewed mind.
 - A. That mind is a very compelling force.
 - B. The mind can induce many of these same responses that were once induced by the actual physical reality (e.g., roller coaster, going round and round, virtual reality).
 - C. Satan plays on these old thought patterns that we had toward sin.
 - D. In order to break this, we must recognize that *Hey, this isn't really happening!*

2. The key is renewing your mind!

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:1-2).

- A. **“Transformed”** is the picture of a little caterpillar spinning a cocoon and then coming out a butterfly.
 - B. Everything you need is already in your born-again spirit—the life of God, the faith of God, the joy of God, the peace of God, the anointing of God, and everything else that's of God—but it's only going to manifest itself in your life to the degree that you renew your mind.
 - C. If you still think that you're just an old sinner saved by grace and it's just a matter of time before that sin nature drives you to do something, you're believing something contrary to Scripture.
3. You're not dealing with the actual sin nature itself, but the body it left behind (Rom. 6:6).
 - A. Physical death is when your spirit separates from your body.

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:26).

- B. Although that spirit goes to be with the Lord, it leaves behind a body.
 - C. For a brief period of time, that body doesn't decay, but still looks like the person who once lived in it.

- D. Our old man is dead, but he left behind a **“body”**—the programming in the mind, attitudes, and wrong thinking.
- E. Once we know that our old man is crucified, dead, and gone, the next step is to destroy that body of sin.

- i. We do that by systematically tearing down those wrong thoughts and emotions with the Word of God and replacing them with godly thoughts and emotions.

- ii. The end result of this process called *renewing the mind* is **“that henceforth we should not serve sin”** (Rom. 6:6).

- 4. We are dead with Christ, but living with Him is dependent upon what we know.

“Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him” (Rom. 6:8-9).

- A. If you don’t know this, if you aren’t really established in it, then you won’t experience that resurrection life, victory, and power that belongs to you.

- B. Most people understand that Jesus isn’t struggling with sin.

“For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God” (Rom. 6:10).

- C. You need to see yourself dead to sin the same way that Christ is dead to sin.

“Likewise [in the same manner] reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:11, brackets mine).

- 5. We need to see ourselves just like Jesus—resurrected unto new life in God.

“Arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin (1 Pet. 4:1).

- A. You have the power to stop sin—the noun *sin*—from reigning in your life.

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof” (Rom. 6:12).

- B. Since the Word commands you not to do this, this shows that you do have the power to deny sin the right to reign in your life.

“Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God” (Rom. 6:13).

6. The Law gave sin—this sin nature—dominion over us.
 - A. The purpose was to bring us out of our deception and recognize that even though we might have overcome individual acts of sin, that sin nature was still there.
 - B. We were by nature children of the devil, and the only way out of it was to receive a brand-new nature.
 - C. We didn’t produce our sin nature, and we certainly can’t produce our new nature—we must receive it as a gift from God.
 - D. As a born-again believer, Paul said that this old sin nature **“shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace”** (Rom. 6:14).

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LESSON 8 – SCRIPTURES

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“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Rom. 6:6).

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:26).

“Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:8-11).

“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin” (1 Pet. 4:1).

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace” (Rom. 6:12-14).

“The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law” (1 Cor. 15:56).

“For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died” (Rom. 7:9).

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LESSON 8 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Romans 12:1-2, what are we to present as a living sacrifice—holy and acceptable to God?
2. In view of God's mercy, what kind of service is this?
3. As believers, we should not be conformed to what?
4. How are we transformed?
5. As we do this, we will prove—make manifest to our physical senses—what?
6. Renewing the mind is how we destroy what in Romans 6:6?
7. Without the spirit, James 2:26 reveals that our _____ are dead.
8. So faith without _____ is dead also.
9. As we systematically tear down these wrong thoughts and emotions, destroying the body of sin—our prior programming—by renewing our minds to the Word of God, what does Romans 6:6 reveal will be the result?
10. According to Romans 6:8, we believe what?
11. In order for that to happen, Romans 6:9 says that we need to know what?
12. According to Romans 6:10, how many times did Christ die unto sin?
13. Now that He lives, He lives unto whom?
14. Just like Jesus, according to Romans 6:11, we are to reckon ourselves as what?
15. What does 1 Peter 4:1 tell us to arm ourselves with?
16. Who suffered in the flesh and has now ceased from sin?
17. According to Romans 6:12, we are to let not _____ what reign in our mortal bodies.
18. Whose responsibility is this?
19. Romans 6:13-14 tells us to yield our members as instruments of what?
 - A. Unrighteousness unto sin.
 - B. Righteousness unto God.

20. Who are we to yield ourselves to?
21. How are we to yield ourselves to Him?
22. What shall not have dominion over us?
23. Why not?
24. According to 1 Corinthians 15:56, what strengthened sin?
25. According to Romans 7:9, what made sin revive and come alive?
26. Romans 6:14 reveals that as born-again believers in Jesus Christ, we are no longer under the Law but under what.