

Thoughts control destinies

For as he **thinks within himself**, so he is.

- Proverbs 23:7 NASB

Transformation requires a renewed mind.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- Romans 12:2

We have access to Jesus' mind

for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But **we have the mind of Christ**.

- 1 Corinthians 2:16

Informal fallacies

FALLACY: An error in the structure or content of an argument **INFORMAL FALLACY**: An error in the inductive argument (content)

"They are commonly recognized erroneous ways of thinking"

AD POPULUM: This is an appeal to the masses or people and is made when the argument rests on swaying the emotion or prejudices of a crowd. This stirring up of excitement, anger, enthusiasm or hatred replaces logical process. The fallacy is based on an underlying belief that if something has popular acceptance it must be right or wise.

EXAMPLE: You must vote for candidate A because a recent poll shows him far ahead of his competitor.

AD VERECUNDIAM: This fallacy occurs when we use the expert in one field to supply advice or credibility for an unrelated field. It appeals to an illegitimate authority to settle the argument. Just because someone famous or clever or talented said something does not make it true.

EXAMPLE: We are urged through a commercial to drive a certain car because a famous golfer says it is a good one

TU QUOQUE: A defense of oneself or opinions by pointing out that your opponent does the same thing.

EXAMPLE: Don't tell me it's wrong to cheat on my test, because I saw your eyes wandering during our last test.

13 And **you** also were **included** in **Christ** when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. **When you believed**, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

- Ephesians 1:13-14

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

- 1 Corinthians 12:13

1 Corinthians 2:16 - we have the mind of Christ.

2 Peter 1:4 you may participate in the divine nature.

Ephesians 4:24 put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

2 Corinthians 5:21 in Him we become the righteousness of God.

1 Corinthians 1:30 It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

1. You are still alive to sin

My dear children, **I write this to you so that you will not sin**. But **if anybody does sin**, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 **He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins**, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

- 1 John 2:1-2

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them**.

- Hebrews 7:25 NKJV

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall **we who died to sin** live any longer in it?

11 In the same way, **count yourselves dead to sin** but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

14 For **sin shall no longer be your master**, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

- Romans 6:1-2, 11, 14 NKJV

2. God changes His mind about you

Therefore, there is now **no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus**, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

- Romans 8:1-2

Ephesians 1:4 For **he chose us in him before the creation of the world** to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

Ephesians 1:5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ

Romans 8:29 predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son

Romans 8:30 those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Ephesians 1:11 predestined for the praise of his glory.

3. The enemy can get at you

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

- 1 Corinthians 10:13

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

- James 4:7