



BRAIN WAVES

Hack-proof
Your Thoughts

2 Corinthians 10; Romans 12:1,2

Foundation

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 - “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.”

Living Sacrifice

- Under the Old Covenant animal sacrifice was a foreshadow of the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God.
- Because Jesus was the perfect sacrifice the Old Testament sacrifices are no longer needed. (Hebrews 9:11,12)
- A sacrifice is anything consecrated and offered to God
- Paul challenges us as Christ followers to offer our body as a living sacrifice

- Therefore ... in view of God's mercy ...”
 - What must we do when we run into a “therefore”?
- God's mercies found in Romans:
 - justification
 - adoption
 - not under law but under grace
 - help in affliction
 - certainty of coming glory
 - nothing can separate us from God

Living Sacrifice

- Because of Jesus' sacrifice for us we are expected to live a sacrificial life for Him.
- 1 Corinthians 6:19,20 - Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.
- Romans 8:9,10 - You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

Living Sacrifice

- In order for an OT sacrifice to be acceptable it had to meet certain requirements.
- In the new covenant we must also be a holy and acceptable offering
- How do we present ourself as an acceptable sacrifice?
 - Do not conform to the world
 - Be transformed

Not Conforming

- What in the world is “the world”?
- 1 John 2:15-17 - Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

Lust of the Flesh

- What is the “lust of the flesh”
- In simple terms the lust of the flesh includes everything that appeals to our appetites and involves excessive desires for anything else that satisfies physical needs
 - food & drink
 - sex

Lust of the Eyes

- What is “lust of the eyes”?
- In simple terms lust of the eyes mostly involves materialism, coveting whatever we see that we don't have and envying those who have what we want.
 - I am not content with what I have
 - I don't like that you have what I want

Pride of Life

- What is the “pride of life”?
- The pride of life is basically any ambition for that which puffs us up and puts us on the throne of our own lives.

Not Conforming

- Basically, we need to stop making excuses.
- Christianity is not a spectator sport.
 - We need to be actively living for Jesus
- We all have areas in our lives where we have made compromises.
- Stop conforming and be transformed!

Be Transformed

- Ok so how do we become transformed.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- The key component of our transformation is the renewing of our minds
- Simply put Christians must think different
 - We must conform our thoughts to His will

Renew Your Mind

- How do we renew our mind?
 - Input = Output; garbage in = garbage out
- We transform ourselves and renew our minds by:
 - Listening to the Word of God (Romans 10:17)
 - Reading the Word of God
 - Studying the Word of God (Acts 17:11)
 - Memorizing the Word of God (Psalm 119:9-11)
 - Meditating on the Word of God (Psalm 1:2-3)

Prove It!

- Luke 6:45 - A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.
- You (and everyone around you) will see your renewed mind because your actions will reflect it.