



WordfortheWay.com Newsletter

WordfortheWay.com is a blog designed to give you a brief dose of God's Word, the Bible, to encourage, to strengthen, and to prepare you for your daily walk in this thing we call life.



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Thinking

Transformed

Part 3

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

— Ephesians 4:17-24 (NKJV)

What do we mean by *Transformed Thinking*? Let's look at some definitions of the word *transform*.

trans-form 1 to change the form or outward appearance of, 2 to change the condition, nature, or function of; convert, 3 to change the personality or character of

Webster's New World College Dictionary, 4th Ed.

metamorphóō, met-am-or-fo'-o G3339

In Romans 12:2: "used of the change of moral character for the better."

— THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON, Electronic Database. Copyright © 2002, 2003, 2006, 2011 by Biblesoft, Inc.

After reviewing the definitions, we are faced with the question: Which of the definitions is the one that applies to our

discussion of the transformation that is set in motion when one becomes a follower of Christ? That's a great question. And the answer is yes!

When one becomes a Christian, he or she turns over to Jesus the keys to the whole house. The Apostle Paul said it like this in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)

According to Paul, the price that was paid for our redemption was nothing less than the shed blood of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. (See Ephesians 1:7)

Let's review Ephesians 4:23-24 one more time.

Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God--truly righteous and holy.

— Ephesians 4:23-24 (NLT)

This redemption (the Plan of Salvation) affects the whole man, body, soul, and spirit. Thus, it is to be applicable to not only, the outward appearance, but also to our character, and to our very nature. Yes, even our very essence and function in life are transformed by the power of Christ's sacrifice!

Be blessed, my friends! —✍—

Missionary Prayer List

Monday



Michael & Ivonne Walmer
Brazil

Tuesday

Steven & Marzia Well

Chile



Wednesday



Troy & Jennette Wickett
Fiji; Solomon Islands

Thursday

Samuel & Kristen Zenobia

Spain



Friday

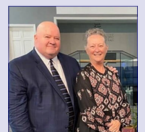


Missionaries in Sensitive Areas

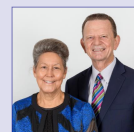
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Bryan & Barbara Abernathy

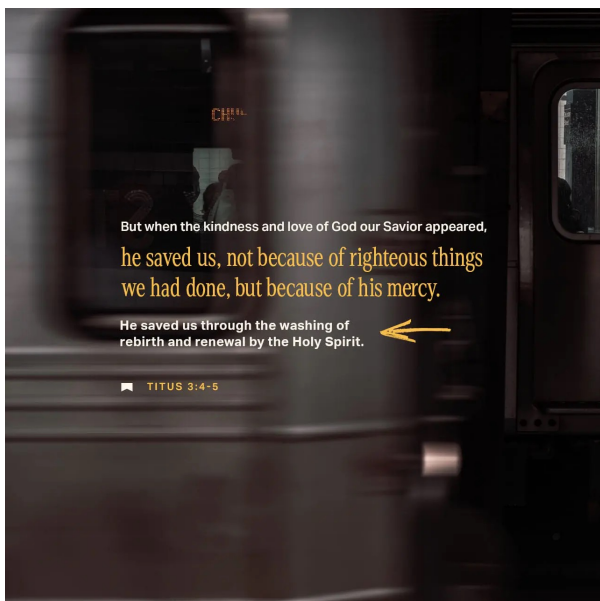
Director of Promotions



Sunday



Randy & Carolyn Adams
Regional Director Africa



Because of His Mercy... ...Because of His Grace

— Titus 3:4-8 (NKJV)

4 But--"When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, 5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

6 He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

7 Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life."

8 This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

Memory Verse

"Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes."

— Ephesians 4:23 (NLT)

Our Purpose

One of the purposes of WordfortheWay.com is to promote the daily habit of reading God's Word. We are starting a new year today. I would like to encourage you to join us as we embark on a journey through the Bible this year.

2024 BIBLE READING PLAN - January

	Week	Month	Day	Book	Chpts	Psalms		Week	Month	Day	Book	Chpts	Psalms
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