

Discover

How The Bible Changed Everything I Think

Reading: [Matthew 22:37-40](#)

Introduction:

- Columbus Day got me to thinking about Exploring and Discovering. So this month, we're going to Discover different things.
- Today We Discover: How the Bible Changed Everything I Think
- Remember crossing the street before you knew it was dangerous?
- Once you were taught, you followed these rules every time:
 - look both ways before you cross.
 - Make sure no traffic is coming
 - Then cross
- The Bible does that for us morally and spiritually
 - It describes every kind of sin to warn us of the dangers
 - Some things are just straight out wrong: murder
 - Some things need correct navigation: sensual activity
 - Like: **Ironing your shirt**: make sure you're not wearing it
- That's why we need to change what we think about sin and the world around us it is dangerous to us in various ways

1. Renewing Your mind

[Romans 12:2](#) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God

- Only in the Bible do we identify sin as hurtful to us and others
- **Repent**—to change one's way of life as the result of a complete change of thought and attitude with regard to sin and righteousness
- Though in English a focal component of repent is the sorrow or regret that a person experiences because of sin, the emphasis in the Greek seems to be more specifically the total change, both in thought and behavior, with respect to how one should both think and act.
- So we see the importance of **removing the child before folding**

[2 Cor. 7:8](#) godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

- We expect people to be sorry about their sin, and biblical:
- What God expects is that we change our mind about sin.
- James said we sin because we desire it, [James 1:14](#)
- God says change your mind about it and you won't desire it

[Proverbs 4:23](#) Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

[Psalm 119:9-11](#) How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. With **my whole heart** I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have **hidden in my heart**, That I might not sin against You.

2. Think On These Things

- The world knows about changing your thinking:
 - It's wrong for people to allow children to play in the dishwasher
 - Don't Believe Everything You Think: The 6 Basic Mistakes We Make in Thinking May 2, 2006 by Thomas E. Kida
 - Into the Impossible: Think Like a Nobel Prize Winner by Brian Keating Sept 28, 2021
 - Some think a certain way about food; to some, it matters more than anything.
 - Some think a certain way about money; to some it matters more than anything
- The Bible teaches what we think about everything is important [Matthew 22:37](#) Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your **heart**, with all your soul, and with all your **mind**.' [Acts 8:20](#) But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you **thought** that the gift of God could be purchased with money! [Acts 8:22](#) Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the **thought** of your heart may be forgiven you. [Hebrews 4:12](#) For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

3. Take Captive Every Thought

[2 Corinthians 10:5](#) casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

- Captivity means imprisonment, going to jail
- There are just some things you don't think Like: Sleeping with the blow dryer still on
- Paul is saying that we put our thoughts in jail!
 - Those thoughts that lead us away from Christ
 - Those thoughts that hinder us from loving God
 - Those thoughts that interfere with our walk in the Spirit
 - Put them in jail, don't let them escape
- Who holds the key to that jail cell?
 - Christ does because we give it to Him
- [2 Corinthians 10:5](#) ...bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ
 - We let Christ hold the key to our thoughts
 - He determines our thinking