

Let Our Minds be transformed

What is the significance of transforming our minds? Paul teaches our flesh cannot be changed from the iniquity that it is. So what's the rub?

This paragraph carries the essential impact for our question. The following two pages give support for our thought. The transforming of our mind involves its submission to our inner self, which is being shaped into the Holy Spirit through the transformative process of the Word within us. We must be attentive—tune in to our spirit as the Holy Spirit guides our spirit, teaches our spirit, and presses our spirit into His image, pressing our mortal thoughts of wrongdoing to retreat. The obedience of our spirit, setting aside our flesh, is delightful and complete to our Father YAHWEH. This, I believe, is how we have our minds transformed.

In Romans 12:1-2, Paul presents a commandment that echoes the truth he observed in John 8:28-29. We will examine excerpts from these four verses; my translation might differ slightly from the majority. Romans 12:1 I urge you to dedicate your body, encompassing your five senses and mind, to Elohim in appreciation for all He has accomplished for you. Allow them to serve as a living and whole sacrifice—the type that He will deem acceptable. This is genuinely the manner in which to honor Him. [2] Let Elohim transform us into a new person by changing our way of thinking. We will come to understand Elohim's will for ourselves, which is good, pleasing, and perfect.

From John 8:28, the Messiah serves as the perfect example that reflects Paul's thought: "But as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things." The Father has not abandoned me, for I consistently do those things that bring Him joy.

To start addressing our inquiry of mind, how does this process operate in our lives? In pursuit of our journey, let us turn to Romans 7:14, for we understand that the law is spiritual, yet I am fleshly, sold into sin. I engage in activities I dislike rather than those I desire, and I do not permit myself to choose what I undertake. [17] It is no longer I who act, but rather sin that resides within me. O miserable man that I am! Who will rescue me from this mortal that I am? I express my gratitude to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, with the mind [spirit], I [who he is] serve the law of God, but with the flesh [natural mind], I serve the law of sin.

The teachings in Romans 12:1-2 and Romans 7:14-25 present a striking contrast! Iniquity influences our minds in Chapter 7, causing us to struggle with adhering to the law of sin. Paul understands the term "flesh" as encompassing the five senses and the mind. He draws his reflection from Psalms 51:5. Paul taught that this iniquity is unchangeable. Paul recognizes our condition of wrongdoing in Romans 12:1. He said, "Offer your body to Elohim; let it be a living and perfect sacrifice." This line contributes to unraveling the enigma. We do not change our minds into something different; we present them as a sacrifice.

However, Paul continues, "Let Elohim transform us into a new person by altering our thought processes." Transforming into a new individual involves altering our thought processes between our spirit and our natural mind. This is an important assertion: transforming our minds does not eliminate the flaws in our minds but rather dictates how we confront them. This is how we come to please Elohim. Psalms 51:5-6 echoes the same teaching that Paul presents; the same conflict is highlighted in Romans chapters seven and twelve.

Psa 51:5 Perceive, my mother conceived me in sin, forming me in iniquity. Psa 51:6 Perceive, you seek truth in the innermost being, and in the secret place, you will teach me wisdom.

Psalms is quite fascinating, isn't it? Verse 51:5 instructs on Romans chapter seven, while verse 51:6 focuses on Romans chapter twelve. Verse six conveys that Elohim aims to shape our thoughts—the thoughts that bring Him pleasure—within our innermost being. Let us explore Paul's explanation of this matter. Galatians 4:19 My dear children, for whom I labor once more until Christ is fully formed in you. What is the meaning of this phrase? I believe John can assist us, and afterward, we can discuss it briefly.

1 John 3:1 Observe the profound love that the Father has granted us, that we may be called the sons of YAHWEH; thus, the world does not recognize us, for it did not recognize Him. Dearly beloved, we are now the children of YAHWEH, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall become. However, we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He truly is. [3] Every man who holds this hope within himself strives for purity, just as he is pure. Whoever commits sin also breaks the law, for sin is the breaking of the law. You understand that He came to earth to atone for our sins, and there is no sin in Him. Whoever dwells in Him does not sin; whoever sins has not seen Him or known Him.

I will provide a brief statement to address our question from Galatians. To say we are sons of YAHWEH is to say we are spirit after Him, for He is spirit. The only begotten Son, who resides in the Divine body, ought to be manifested within us. That Holy Spirit, neither the Father nor the Only Begotten Son, inhabits our spiritually dead bodies. In spite of Christian theology, the Holy Spirit develops within us gradually. No, we do not receive the Holy Spirit separately from our human spirit. Our being is shaped through the transformation of the Word, one morsel of manna at a time—similar to the act of metamorphosis, akin to the butterfly evolving from a caterpillar within its cocoon. This process is precisely what John expressed in the third verse mentioned above. John stated that a son of God is incapable of sin, for our spirit has the indwelling of Holy Spirit because of the Word in us; we are joint heirs with Yahshua Messiah, therefore sons of God, as the only begotten is the Son of YAHWEH; as the Word is that Holy Spirit, we are transformed into His likeness as we are Holy Spirit to some measure with increase by due process (John 1:1).

Romans 8:9 However, if the Spirit of God resides within you, you live in the Spirit rather than in the flesh. Now if any man [spirit] does not possess the Spirit of Christ, he is not one of his. Romans 8:10 When Christ resides within you, sin renders the body lifeless, but righteousness allows the Spirit to flourish.

If the Holy Spirit, that Word, resides within you, your body is dead due to sin [Psalm 51:5], and the iniquity of our mind remains unchanged. No, that Holy Spirit, the only begotten Son, does not reside in a lifeless body.

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