

## ***Renewing the Mind***

“<sup>2</sup> 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 NIV)

The message of Christianity goes against what we see in the world around us. Salvation is offered as a free gift received by faith. The Bible commands many things, but those commandments don’t contribute to a person’s salvation. Believers in Jesus receive a righteous standing before God that has nothing to do with their performance. No wonder the Bible speaks of renewing the mind! The gospel flies in the face of all our human reasoning, and demands work to believe.

Below is a list of 21 biblical confessions created and ordered for the purpose of renewing the mind towards a life of faith that expresses itself through service to God. They are presented in a logical order that builds on one another. Most of these points appear in some way in this ministry’s booklet *Life as God Intended*, but they are presented here in the form of dense confessions you can meditate on. If you are looking for an easy way to instill the counter-intuitive message of the gospel into your thinking, I encourage you to read these confessions every morning, and meditate on them throughout the day. If you don’t believe, all these promises can be yours.

### **Biblical Confessions (The biblical references are included for each confession)**

- 1) Faith: Jesus died for my sins and rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)
- 2) I am a sinner, and when I sin, I am acting according to my born nature (1 John 1:8, Romans 7:14-25)
- 3) The work of God is to believe (John 6:27-29, 2 Corinthians 3:7-18)
- 4) God really has the over-the-top goodness to justify sinners by faith (Romans 4:5-8)
- 5) I am justified by faith, and have peace with God (Romans 5:1)
- 6) In believing, all my sins are forgiven (Colossians 2:13-15)
- 7) In believing, I have the righteousness of Christ (Romans 4:5-8)
- 8) In believing, I am freed from the Old Testament Law and given grace (Galatians 3:10-14, Romans 4:15)
- 9) In believing, it was God’s delight to give me eternal life (Ephesians 1:7-12)
- 10) Scripture and logic affirm I am chosen (Ephesians 1:3-5, John 6:44, John 10:27-29)
- 11) Jesus loves me (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- 12) The Father loves me (1 John 3:1)
- 13) God loves me with full knowledge of who I am (Psalm 139:13-18)
- 14) God’s love for me is unconditional (Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 8:38-39)
- 15) God’s love for me is over-the-top in nature (Ephesians 3:16-19 and the Gospel)
- 16) Out of His loving character, God chose to relate to us through the gospel (Logical Conclusion)
- 17) The ongoing nature of faith makes it a virtue that produces love for God (1 John 4:19)
- 18) I can show God love by trying to follow the teachings of Jesus (Romans 12:1, John 14:15)
- 19) With God’s perfect acceptance expressed through grace, my imperfect works done for Him are a poem in His sight (Logical Conclusion and Ephesians 2:10)
- 20) When my heart condemns me, God is greater than my heart (1 John 3:19-20)
- 21) I am sealed by the Holy Spirit, and I can’t lose my salvation (Ephesians 1:13-14)