

Renewing Your Mind

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Ephesians 4:15-24

- Introduction
 - The changing culture
 - Pew Research saw 15% drop in Biblical Christianity from 2007-2018 (71% - 56%)
 - Prayer
 - Ukraine
 - Jins
 - Wongs
 - Mind jokes
 - What kind of power does your mind have when you can control the movement of an ocean bird? _____
 - Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter!
 - One person asks goes to her Neuro Surgeon, "Doctor, can I play the violin after my brain surgery?" "Yes, of course," said the doctor. "That's amazing, says the patient. "Because I can't play the _____ now!"
 - One person said, "I was a beekeeper for many years until I met my wife. She came storming into the house and yelled, "It's me or those nasty bees, make up your mind." At first I didn't think it was serious. Then I saw her face. Now, I'm a _____."
 - What must we do to continually be renewed?
- SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE
 - Ephesians 4:15, *"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ."*
 - Revelation 4:8, *"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the the Lord God Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."*
 - John 5:39, *"You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. 40 Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. 41 I do not accept glory from human beings. 42 But I know that you do not have the love of God in you."*
 - LGBTQIA2S _____
 - Gallup poll: Born before 1945 – 0.8%; born after 2001 – 21%
 - Genesis 1:27, *"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."*

- 1 John 4:10, *"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No-one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 13 We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him."*

- DO NOT FOLLOW THE WORLD

- Ephesians 4:17, *"Do not live as the Gentiles live. For they live blindfolded in a world of illusion,"*
- 1 John 2:15, *Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; 16 for all that is in the world--the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches--comes not from the Father but from the world."*
- Ephesians 4:19, *"Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more."*
- Isaiah 5:20, *"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter."*

- RENEWING YOUR MIND

- Ephesians 4:23, *"to be renewed in the spirit of your mind."*
- "The Christian life is a transformed life. The transformation of life comes about, as the apostle Paul declares, through the renewal of the mind. An understanding of the Word of God renews the mind. The Word of God expresses the mind of God to us." –RC Sproul –
- Romans 12:2, *"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."*
 - Instead of lies and falsehood, truth.
 - Instead of ongoing anger and bitterness, forgiveness at the end of the day
 - Instead of putting others down with speech, we build one another up
 - Instead of bitterness, rage, anger, slander, and malice, there is compassion and forgiveness