

# MIND RENEWAL PART 2

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## FAITH OR SIN?

Faith or Sin? Life or Death?  
 Rom 14:23 – faith or sin?  
 Heb 12:2 – faith: looking away unto Jesus

## SALVATION

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- An act done *for us* – once and final
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**Sanctification:** *set apart* in order that His purposes may be accomplished in me by His Spirit (Romans 6-8)

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- A work done *in us* – ongoing process
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  - Eph 1:13,14 & 1 Cor 1:22

**Sanctification:** *occurs in the soul (mind, will, emotions) of man*

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↑ **Glorification** (Ultimate Sanctification: 1 Thes 5:23)

← **Justification** → **Sanctification** (Progressive: John 17:17, Eph 5:26)

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Where do we start?

- Remind ourselves of reality!
  - Ephesians 6:12** – we're in a spiritual battle!
  - 2 Corinthians 4:16-17** – everything is spiritual!
    - We are amphibious (CS Lewis) – we have a twofold nature, one foot in the spiritual realm while one foot is in the physical realm.
- The battle begins in the mind – our interface...
  - Romans 12:2** – “be transformed by the renewing of your mind”
  - Philippians 2:5** – “let this mind be in you”
  - Colossians 3:2,3** – “set your mind on things above”
  - 2 Corinthians 10:3-5** – “every thought captive”
  - “Beware of what you set your mind on for that you will surely become” Emerson

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- I have two choices: Spirit or flesh (Him or me)
  - Romans 8:5-8** – “set their minds”
    - Things of the flesh – money, entertainment, pleasure, fame, fulfillment, etc... (anything that builds “my kingdom”)
  - Things of the Spirit – **Philippians 4:8**
- Discipline, it's what my mind needs!
  - Hebrews 12:11** – discipline yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness!
  - Hebrews 5:14** – have their senses trained to discern

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5. Saturation of my mind with the written and Living Word!
  - **Matthew 4:1-11** – “it is written”
  - **2 Timothy 3:16,17** – “all scripture equips us for every good work”
6. We have to get serious!
  - **1 Peter 1:13** – “gird your minds for action”
  - **2 Timothy 2:15** – “be diligent”
  - **Hebrews 5:14** – it takes practice to train our senses – thoughts!
7. It is not me “doing it”, but Christ in me – by faith!
  - **Hebrews 12:1,2** – fixing our eyes on Jesus!

“We ... want to make it quite clear that we cannot free and purify our own heart by exerting our own ‘will.’ ... As long as we think we can save ourselves by our own will power, we will only make the evil in us stronger than ever.”  
*Heini Arnold, Freedom from Sinful Thoughts*

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Where and how do we begin?

1. Get serious about scripture.
  - **2 Timothy 2:15** – “study”
2. Develop a habit of memorizing key scripture.
  - **Psalm 119:9-11**
3. Find someone to help you stay accountable.
  - **2 Timothy 3:14-15**
4. Learn to balance the *rhema* with the *logos*.
  - **John 5:39,40**

boastfulness  
sensuality  
procrastination  
indecisive  
jealousy  
pride  
envy  
unforgiveness  
dispute/faction

death

sin

flesh

faith

spirit

peace  
love  
goodness  
selflessness  
generosity  
trustworthiness

life