

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;" Ephesians 4:23 KJV

Your soul is the eternal, unique entity that is you. There is only one, and no other, past, present, or future, will ever be the same. God's Word uses terms like heart, belly, or bosom to indicate the seat of our emotions. These are the entities that compose our unique being. They are influenced and directed by the things upon which we think. The unbeliever has no choice of thought input but the sinful flesh and its five senses, therefore the output is sin.



Believers, on the other hand, are liberated from the influence of the flesh with two new senses; faith and love; by virtue of the Holy Spirit's presence. Let's go back to Eden. *"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the Breath of Life; and man became a LIVING soul (What was Adam before? Dead.). So God created man in His own image (three yet one; soul, body, spirit)."* Adam was only a "living soul" by virtue of the "Breath of God," or the presence of God. God is Life and without Him is death, or the absence of Life. When Adam sinned, God left Him and he died; not physically, but spiritually and passed that curse on to every descendant! *"Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men: For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ."* Sin separates man from God who is eternal Life. So if you think you can be with God AND walk in sin, you will find yourself just as dead for eternity as Adam did when God left Eden! God is under no obligation to do things according to how you think! To the contrary; all the power is His and He decided to offer you a way of escape from eternal death by grace through faith in His Word which is what Adam rejected when he believed the Serpent's lie! The choice is still the same; believe God and live or don't believe and die! God's Word and the faith given thereby, give us a choice upon what to think. To be sure, Satan tries to influence thoughts by hurling the fiery darts of lust, doubt, and discouragement into minds. He knows most cannot distinguish the origins of thought, because they have little or no knowledge of God's Word, and he depends on that ignorance. Thoughts all seem our own until we examine them in the Light of God's Word. If thought is the Truth from God's Word, then it is from God. If not, it is either a fiery dart or a lust of the body. A flaming arrow through your window will burn down your house unless extinguished. If we fill our minds with Truth, Satan's "fiery darts" are extinguished. *"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."* Thought is the origin of all action. Believers sin, when they choose lust over Truth. Choice, not circumstance, determines your actions.

Our thinking comes from sources three,
Satan, God, and the other me,
Uphold the Truth, cast down the lie,
Renew your mind and live thereby. -CGP

The only way to stop thinking about something is to think about something else. Keep thought structured around God's Word. *"Thou shalt meditate (think) therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to ALL that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."* Truth will guide your thoughts, and thereby, your actions. Order thought in accordance with God's Word. Meditation on God's Word is not a suggestion, it is a command.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8 KJV