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Being of
One Mind
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Being of One Mind, and Transforming the Mind.

Topics.

- Be transformed by the renewal of your mind.
- Being of one and the same mind.
- God's mind, super computers, and the resurrection.

BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND

- **Romans 12:2–3:** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Paul's words, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind," are in the context of:

- Pride.
- Thinking of ourselves more highly than we should.
- Feeling superior to others contrasted to being humble.

Renewing of the mind in this context is not about learning everything about the Bible that you can (though this is to be commended), but rather the focus is on pride, being conformed to this world means, esteeming and thinking highly of ourselves because of our talents, wealth, material possessions, or our abilities and knowledge. Paul is calling brothers and sisters in Christ to form another standard of judging themselves which of course is by their Christian character contrasted to judging ourselves according to our rank of importance or wealth and possessions or eloquence in speaking, or by our talents and abilities. We should not esteem ourselves by the usual standard of the world, but by our own Christian character (i.e., love, kindness, compassion, and grace etc.), since one of the greatest dangers for us all (especially those who are successful) is prideful and extravagant self-valuation.

Paul is cautioning those in Christ not to judge themselves on those things that have no intrinsic value, such as rank, titles, external accomplishments, talents, learning or wealth, but rather on our standard of character (i.e., are we kind, gracious, forgiving, merciful etc.), which means, being conformed to this world means, esteeming ourselves because of our success, rank, skill and talent, while not being conformed to this word is judging ourselves according to the fruits of the Spirit that we manifest toward others.

BEING OF ONE AND THE SAME MIND

- **Philippians 2:2:** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Being of the same mind, and of one mind, carries the following ideas:

- They were united in thought and attitude.
- They all had the same mind to see justice done.
- They were all prepared to lose their lives for the cause of Christ.
- They were not be conformed to this world.
- They all had the same passion, devotion, and love for Christ.

Since we are not perfect in knowledge as God and the Lord Jesus Christ are, being of one mind does not mean all brothers and sisters must hold fast to every doctrine of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in the same way, nor does it mean we should all be clones of each other. Certainly, we must all understand the message of the cross and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, but for the multitude of other Bible teachings that, though understanding them correctly brings wisdom and strengthens faith, they are not important to know to be saved to eternal life, for these kinds of teachings we can agree to disagree, and in this way still be of one mind.

No faithful brother or sister devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ and faithfully following him should be forced to conform to someone else's dogma when it is not a question of salvation. Everyone should be given time and grace to discover the Bible themselves, and not be robbed from their own intellectual freedom to explore it, and the excitement of doing so. Sure, there may be times when we come to the wrong conclusion, but if we remain humble and listen to each other in a spirit of peace and grace we will be constantly challenged to check our own conclusions, and be constantly challenging other to check their conclusion rather than allowing one man to teach us all, consider the mass error being spread if he is not right in what he is teaching.

Clearly if ego and pride was left outside of Christianity, and we all lived with a safe sense of being accepted, and not being cast out as rebels, and we did share something we believe to be true or question a teaching we think might not be so, it would be far less likely that false teaching would spread as much as it does under a system where a congregation's mind has to surrender and submit to the teaching of one man without question, or the teaching of an established religious hierarchy.

GOD'S MIND, SUPER COMPUTERS, AND THE RESURRECTION

Ponder for a moment, today we have super computers that can literally store trillions of bits of information, and send and receive them at a speed that is almost beyond human belief (certainly would have been a few short years ago). Added to this, any single item no matter how small amongst the trillions of subjects and topics stored in the computer's memory, can at the click of a key be brought to life, in brilliant colour on a screen for everyone to see. Then at the click of another key, completely vanish, descending into the computer's memory until someone wants to resurrect that information again. Now with this in mind, consider the eternal and awesome memory of God which unquestionably dwarfs any super computer His creation can build. This reality, highlights the following truth, it is certainly not a difficult task for God to keep every detail of us all in His eternal memory, and at the appointed time resurrect those He chooses to eternal glory, and everlasting life, by speaking the word, and bringing at the speed of light all those He has kept in His eternal mind to life.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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