A NEW MIND

God Makes All Things New
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KEY SCRIPTURE

- 2 Corinthians 5:17–21
- Ephesians 4:17–24
- Romans 12:1–3
- Romans 8:5–11
- 1 Corinthians 2:14–16

KEY POINTS

- Salvation gives believers a new heart, a new spirit, **and a new mind**.
- The natural mind is hostile toward God and must be transformed by the Spirit.
- Transformation is not behavior modification but spiritual renewal.
- Believers have been given **the mind of Christ** as a gift, not an achievement.
- A renewed mind produces a reconciled life marked by humility and love.
- The Spirit renews the mind daily, shaping thoughts, desires, and direction.
- Setting the mind on the Spirit leads to life and peace.

DISCUSSION

- Why does Scripture describe the old way of thinking as futile rather than merely immature or misguided?
- What does it mean to be “renewed in the spirit of your mind,” and how is that different from changing behavior?
- How does the idea that believers have been given the mind of Christ reshape how we approach growth and maturity?
- What are some subtle ways the world pressures believers to conform in their thinking rather than be transformed?
- Why does Paul connect renewed thinking with putting off the old self and putting on the new self?
- How does setting the mind on the Spirit lead to life and peace, according to Romans 8?
- In what ways can spiritual renewal be misunderstood as self-help or self-discipline rather than the work of the Spirit?