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## IDENTITY - SAINTS PART 3

Last week we looked at the necessity for every saint to have had their heart circumcised by God's divine Grace. There is no other way to life in Christ, but through the heart being circumcised by His power. There is so much typology we can see from the early Scriptures in relation to God leading the Israelites out of Egypt and into the wilderness to have their hearts circumcised before entering the promised land, so they could receive all He had for them and the church receiving John the Baptists message of repentance (circumcision of heart) of our iniquity and sin and Jesus' kingdom message of the renewing of the mind to be able to live a kingdom life.

It's the latter in which we want to focus on here, the need for every saint to now be having their mind renewed by the power of the Spirit.

***Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.***

For each saint to truly live as a saint of God, we must be in a constant and continuous state of having our minds renewed by the Spirit. It is the role of the Spirit of Truth to renew our minds to God's mind, and lead us into all His Truth, which produces and births His life in us - transformation.

***John 16:12-15 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.***

It's critical we comprehend as saints how the renewing of the mind takes place. Many think the renewing of the mind is just in the learning of new information which one didn't know before. Anyone can do this. A non Christian can take the book, read it and learn things about God they never knew before, while still having no idea who God is or wanting Him to be their Lord, and become His disciple.

The renewing of the mind occurs as we marinate ourselves in His Presence. We spend time marinating in and with Him, asking Him to bring to light and life Himself in our hearts and minds. We ask the Spirit to write His Word on our heart and mind, enlightening the mind through divine illumination of the Scriptures which are Spirit and Life.

We wait upon Him to do this work from a posture of Sabbath Rest, knowing that He will be faithful to do what he has promised us, because He sees a person who is hungry and thirsty for the reality He speaks. As we receive His Word through His Way, we now live as He did. We find ourselves fully able and capable of performing His works.

***John 7:37-38 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'***

***Ephesians 4:20-23 But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind.***

This is to be every saint's reality because this is a promise for every saint and God does not lie. He is faithful to



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perform on His Word when He sees a saint believing in what He says.

Outside of this reality happening, we will not have any idea of what God's good, pleasing and perfect will is, which means our lives will not be proving it. We will be found coming up with our version and living for this, and teaching this false truth. This is very dangerous for anyone doing this, because we will end up living in our forms of godliness and possibly leading us to do the same.

## QUESTIONS

1. What are we seeing declared from the 4 passages of Scripture?
2. What are our thoughts in relation to the description given, on what it is to have our minds renewed.

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3. Why is a mind being conformed by the patterns of the world so detrimental to a saint of God?
4. Describe in your own words the role of the Holy Spirit in the renewing of your mind?
5. If proving the will of God is the evidence of the mind being renewed, how much of your life is proving His will?

**ACTION POINT:** What action point do we need to take away from tonight?