

**Be Not Conformed to this World**  
**But be Transformed by the Renewing of Your Mind**  
**That you might prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God**  
 Romans 12:2 KJV

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One day Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do men say that I the Son of man am?” Matthew 16:13

They answered Him and said, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Matthew 16:14

Jesus said, “But who do you say that I am?” Matthew 16:15

Peter answered and said, “**You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.**” Matthew 16:16

Jesus answered and said, “**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jo-na: for flesh and blood has not revealed this unto you, but My Father who is in heaven.**” Matthew 16:17

And I say unto you, “That you are Peter (Gr Petros, a stone), and upon this rock (Gk Petra, a large rock) I will build My Church: and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

“**And I will give unto you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven:** and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven: and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.” Matthew 16:19

**After this Jesus began to tell His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and raised again the third day.** Matthew 16:21

Then Peter took Jesus and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Be it far from you, Lord: this shall not be unto you.” Matthew 16:22

But Jesus turned to Peter and said to him, “Get behind Me, satan: you are an offence unto me: for you savourest (Gr phroneo, means to set the mind on – Young’s Concordance), not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.” Matthew 16:23

Peter’s thinking was the thinking of man and not of God.

Peter was thinking independent of the Spirit of God and not in line with the Word of God.

Peter had forgotten about Genesis 22:8, Exodus 12:3-11, Psalm 22:14-18, Isaiah 53:4-10, John 1:29

**Peter was acting and speaking out of his own initiative and not by the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

When Peter said to Jesus, “You are the Son of the Living God”, verse 16, above, **he was speaking the truth that God had revealed to him from God the Father and the Holy Spirit.**

But when Peter said to Jesus, “Be it far from you, Lord: this shall not be unto you”, meaning that Jesus would not be going to Jerusalem to suffer many things, be killed and raised again the third day, he was speaking words that had their source in the mind of man, and not from God. The words he was speaking were contrary to the will of God for Jesus. John 1:29

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Peter was speaking words contrary to the will of God for Jesus.

Jesus said that Peter’s was not thinking thoughts from God, but was thinking thoughts that come from men. Matthew 16:23

The mind of man, by itself, is the carnal mind, or the fleshly mind.

“**To be carnally minded is death;** but to be spiritually minded (or have a mind set on the Spirit) is life and peace.” Romans 8:6.

“**Because the carnal mind is enmity against God:** for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” Romans 8:7.

“**So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**” Romans 8:8

“**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**” Romans 8:14

**In all Jesus said and did He was led by the Holy Spirit.**

**Jesus never did anything on His own initiative, independent from the Father.** John 5:19, 30, 6:38, 8:26, 28, 38, 12:49, 14:10

When we speak, believe, and act on words that come from the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, and when we are led by the Holy Spirit, we make a way for God to act and establish His Kingdom.

But when we speak words that are not in line with the Word of God and Spirit of God we act against God.

That is why Jesus said, “Get behind Me satan.”

Our natural thinking does not receive the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness to it. 1Corinthians 2:14

Our own ideas “are enmity against God” and do not lead us into the will of God. Romans 8:7

When we are born again through faith in Christ and by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, the Holy Spirit comes and lives within us. He is the Spirit of truth and leads us into all truth. He is our Teacher and teaches us all things.

John 14:17, 1Peter 1:23, John 16:13, John 14:26, 1John 2:27.

The baptism with the Holy Spirit increases this blessing greatly. Acts 1:4-8, Matthew 3:11, Luke 11:13

“O Lord, I know that the way of a man is not in himself, it is not in a man that walks to direct his own steps.” Jeremiah 10:23

“Man’s goings, or steps are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?” Proverbs 20:24

Our need is to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, by the revelation of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

In this way our thinking comes into line with the truth of the Word of God and with the witness of the Holy Spirit.

This enables us to prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God in all we say, think and do. Romans 12:2

As we read the Word of God every day, the Holy Spirit reveals to us more and more of the truth of God’s Word, and we are transformed by the renewing of our minds, to think, speak and act in line with the will of God.

This is how we establish what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God in all we do.

Jesus said, “If you continue in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31, 32