

New Creation Realities  
Lesson 3 “The Renewed Mind”

I. Introduction- We are in the third week of a series called “New Creation Realities.”

A. We’re doing this series because the Bible says we are a new creation so we want to learn what that means and what our new reality is. It’s different than our previous reality.

1. **Week 1** - We talked about what it means to be a new creation. We get a new spirit, not a new soul, or body. As we spend time renewing our mind, our soul will align and release the power of the spirit into our soul and body.
2. **Week 2** - We looked at how Jesus discover His identity in the word of God and how we must discover our identity from the word (not our feelings, emotions, opinions of the world, etc).

B. Tonight we are going to talk about the **Renewed Mind**. The key to releasing the life of the Holy Spirit in us comes down to renewing our mind, we need to to know what the **Renewed Mind** is. It is more than knowing truth. Why?

1. Faith doesn’t come from the head, it comes from the heart - **Romans 10:10** *with the heart one believes and with the mouth confession is made.*
2. So what’s the purpose of the renewed mind. While faith doesn’t originate in the head, it does flow through the head so our head is important.

II. The Renewed Mind

A. **Romans 12:2**

1. How do I know if my minds renewed? That I prove (experience) the will of God. How do I know my mind is renewed in the area of healing? That I experience the will of God (healing). How do I know my mind is renewed about living righteously? That I experience the will of God and live morally.  
**ex: Craig praying for the sick (hunts down the people to pray for).**
2. There is a difference between knowing truth and having a renewed mind. The renewed mind begins with knowing truth, but experience is the sign of the full manifestation. **Romans 14:17 the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirt. All 3 are demonstrated felt realities.**
3. Renew - **anakainōsis**, renovation:—renewing. ex: We can know the truth about what a renovated home looks like, but not live in a renovated home.
4. Example - Barry Bennett when he went to South America and got hepatitis before going to Chile. He lost 30 pounds and turned yellow. Spent the next 4 weeks reading the word, books on healing, listening to teaching and wasn’t healed. Ironically, he didn’t learn anything new that he hadn’t already taught. As

we stayed in an environment of faith, however, all of a sudden after 4 weeks he knew by revelation ***“By His stripes, I was healed.”*** All of a sudden he realized, he didn’t need to lay in bed anymore because healed people don’t lay in bed. He was completely healed.”

5. That didn’t come from His head, that came when His heart got revelation of the truth. ***“The renewed mind is like the banks of the river which faith flows through” - Bill Johnson.***

B. How do you know you are in faith? You know that you know. Example: going to Kansas City knowing we were going to see someone’s leg grow. I didn’t work that up, it came by revelation of the Holy Spirit that put faith in my heart.

1. **Ephesians 4:20-24** - *Put off the old, be renewed in the spirit of our mind, and then put on the new.*

2. **2 Corinthians 4:13** - **The spirit of faith**

3. My story from last week about how God delivered me from insecurity. The Holy Spirit gave me a vision of **Ephesians 1:6**. You could have read me the truth and I would have filed away a piece of knowledge and left unchanged. When the Holy Spirit revealed (unveiled it to me) I saw from His perspective. That’s the renewed mind.

4. Marcus story - dropped out of ministry because of divorce. Felt so condemned he quit on God. Finally after 14 years, God got him to Charis and called him back into ministry. Still felt guilt because of his sin over 14 years and would get stuck. Prayed in the spirit and the Holy Spirit gave him revelation that the 14 years wasn’t a testimony of his failure, but of the devils. Satan could’t finish him off.

C. How do I renew my mind? Stay in an environment of faith (there isn’t a formula, but doing certain things enhance our ability to be sensitive to God).

1. Be in the word, faith filled books, teachings, etc.
2. Be in church (that preaches faith)
3. Pray in English and the Spirit
4. Worship
5. Being in godly relationships
6. Hearing godly testimonies

### III. Conclusion

A. Pray (for one another if we have time)

B. Receive Offering - **Luke 5:3-11**

C. Call Up Prayer Team