"The Grace Pursuit (6): Transformed by Grace – 'As You Think, So You Are'" (Rom 5:20-6:13; Phil 4:4-9)

Both Legalism and Licentiousness Missed the Biblical Teaching on Grace Genuine Believers have Two Natures: the Sin Nature, the New Nature, and the Indwelling Holy Spirit...

Not Reformation (Rom 7:18), but Transformation! God's Ultimate Will for Believers – Be Conformed to the Image of Christ...

Today: Transformation Begins with the Renewal of Thoughts, Heart and Motive

- I. The Mind: Thoughts, Heart and Motive of Man
 - A. The Thoughts, Heart and Motive of a Natural Man is Wicked and Hidden (Jeremiah 17:9-10)
 - B. God Examines Our Mind (Psalm 7:9; 139:23-24)

II. The Power of the Mind

- A. How Jesus Views the Thoughts, Heart and Motive of a Man (Matthew 5: 27-28)
- B. How the Thoughts, Heart and Motive of a Man Impact his Actions/Words (Matthew 15:18-20)

Once such Thoughts and Words become *Habitual*, his Character is Defined and the Path to his Destiny is Paved

III. Renewal and Transformation of the Mind

- A. 3 Key Terms/Phrases (Romans 6:3-13)
 - 1. To "Know": Identification with Christ (vv 3-4), and Raised to Live a New Life (vv 6-7; cf Romans 7)
 - 2. To "Count/Reckon" (v 11; cf Romans 8): Based on God's Word; and it Requires Faith!
 - 3. To "Offer or Surrender" (vv 12-13; Romans 12:1-2): An Act of Obedience
- B. The Fruit of Transformation (Matthew 6:25-33; Philippians 4:4-9)

As we Saturate our Minds with Godly Thoughts, the Peace of God will Rule our Lives, and we can Enjoy the Presence of the God of Peace in our Lives...

That's the Fruit of a Life that Pursues Grace and Pursues Jesus

Remember: As You Think, So You Are!

Key Terms: Grace; Pursue; Renew/Transformation; Sin Nature; New Nature