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3. In Jer. 4:14 the Word says, **“O Jerusalem wash thine heart from wickedness that thou mayest be saved. . .”**
 - a. What did the Prophet mean when he said, **“wash thine heart from wickedness?”** How can a person wash their heart?
 - b. The answer is found in the second part of Jer. 4:14 when the Prophet says, **“how long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?”**
 - c. The above verse proves that vain thoughts (imagination) that lodge as strongholds in the heart, cause it to become wicked (darkened).
4. God does have an answer and it is found in Eph. 5:26-27, **“That he might sanctify and cleanse it (heart of Church) with the washing of water by the word, V27, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”**
 - a. The believer that walks through this world defiles himself with bad seed (untested idealism) brought to wickedness (darkness) in his heart, and that believer must clean himself or herself.
 - b. This type of cleansing of the heart can only take place when a person is willing to renew their mind with the gospel of Christ.
 - c. The Word cleanses our hearts so that the stronghold (darkness) is dispelled and the intent of our heart changed. (John 13:3-17)

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“LIVING IN THE SHADOW OF FAILURE”

“YOUR MIND IS THE GATEWAY”

XII. The real tragedy in a Christian’s life is when they refuses to renew the thinking process of their mind and it all goes astray.

A. The unrenewed mind in a believer can only bring about the manifestation of

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calamity in their lives: **“Hear O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people – The fruit of their thoughts, because they have not heeded My words nor My law, but rejected it.”** (Jeremiah 6:19)

- a. First and foremost God is trying to get His people to hear Him: **“O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord.”** (Jeremiah 22:29)
- b. Why? Because the believer that walks through this world defiles himself with bad seed (untested idealism) brought to wickedness (darkness) in his heart, and that believer must clean himself or herself.
2. God’s message here is to his people whose thoughts are always of this world: Jeremiah 17:10 AMP says, **“I the Lord search the mind, I try the heart, even to give to every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.”**
 - a. In the above verse God reveals a great truth; all the issues of man’s life proceed from his heart, therefore God’s law (spiritual laws) causes man to reap according to the “fruit” of his doings.
 - b. The word “fruit” hear in the Hebrew means “fruits of actions” produced by thoughts in the mind that are formed in their heart.
3. This judgement of God’s spiritual law includes the thoughts of man, whether positive or negative, whether good or bad, true or false, etc.
 - a. Mankind will reap of the actions of his fruit (emotions), whether good or bad man will reap a 30 to a 100 fold return.
4. It is in the unrenewed mind (wrong thinking) that God’s freedom to establish His will on earth is severely limited.
5. Paul knew the great importance of the mind, so much so that he urged believers everywhere to **“...be transformed by the renewing of the mind.”**
6. The profound truth of this is that only the renewed mind of a believer can

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consistently bring Kingdom reality to this earth.

“LIVING IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR FAILURES”

- B. In our last lesson we discussed the importance of our minds, and how they should be the gatekeeper of the miraculous, and must be renewed if we are to see reality from God’s perspective.
1. This brings me to ask the question, why do God’s children receive God’s forgiveness but constantly live under the shadow of their failures?
 - a. The New Living Translation of Romans 12:2 reveals this very wonderfully: **“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.”**
 2. A believer cannot carry out the great commission while living in the shadow of failures based on wrong thinking.
 - a. It is my belief that many Christians are willing to live under the guilt and shame of bad decisions from yesterday because they think it helps them walk in humility.
 - b. What I find disturbing is that this so called humility causes them to get down in the mouth and dwell on their shortcomings.
 3. I call this humility syndrome **“internalizing”** your guilt.
 - a. And this internalizing of guilt causes a person to focus on their character problems, which in turn causes more guilt and condemnation.
 4. The believer cannot lay hands on the sick and cast out demons, much less raise the dead feeling guilt and condemnation that is based on wrong thinking.
 - a. They will invariably feed these thoughts of guilt and shame with their unrenewed mind, and their power of agreement with their negative

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thoughts will come into play and their problem will multiplied in size.

- b. The damage done to those believer's emotions and thought life is horrendous.
5. There are other people who similarly resist forgiveness because they don't want to be prideful.
 - a. It seems that remembering makes them feel good, but it's actually a subtle form of pride.
 - b. People moan and groan, "I'm not worthy." Of course we're not worthy!
 - c. It's time we get over it and live the Christian life anyway, we have the Lord's work to do.
 - d. Living under yesterday's condemnation doesn't make us more humble.
 - e. If anything, it keeps us focused on ourselves instead of on the Lord.
6. All of the above causes us to reach the point that we must find the root of this disorder. Why?
7. Because as long as Christians operate under wrong thinking with guilt and condemnation, they will not see reality from God's perspective.

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“THE LIGHT OF THE BODY IS THE EYE”

- XIII. As I see it the root of men operating in “earth's reality” is based on the fact that there were two trees in the Garden of Eden that challenged the course of the entire human race – the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and the Tree of Life.
- A. These same two “trees” continue to challenge us today.
 1. When we become Christians these challenges do not end – they may increase. Why?
 - a. Because the Christian has not given up his or her old “life” style with its