

Dear Naing Naing Soe,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You asked what the “new mind” is. You said that since our fleshly minds are not perfect, how could we transform them into “new minds” perfect and pleasing to God?

We could not find a scriptural reference to the term “new mind.” The scriptures do tell us to be “transformed” by the “renewing” of our minds. (Romans 12:2) The Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:5 tells us to have a Christ-like mind. “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” From these scriptures we perceive that it is the renewal of our minds that allows our transformation to take place. Our goal is not to transform our imperfect minds into perfect ones (which is an impossibility), but to renew our minds so that we ourselves can be transformed into a “new creation.” “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

How do we attain the Christ-like mind that the Apostle alludes to in Philippians 2:5? We do it by emulating our master, Jesus. Although Jesus was God’s Son, God’s first and grandest creation, he “made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even the cross!” (Philippians 2:7-8) Jesus was the humblest of men. He spent much time daily in prayer and supplication with his Heavenly Father as he continually sought to do God’s will, never his own. As we desire to follow in Jesus’ footsteps, our focus should also be to seek the Lord’s will in every aspect of our lives as we pray for forgiveness of our sins and shortcomings. “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

Romans 12:9-21 gives us some guidelines for renewing our minds. We are told to hate what is evil and cling to what is good, to be devoted to one another in brotherly love and honor others above ourselves. We should be fervent in spirit and serve the Lord, be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. We should practice hospitality to all and even bless those who curse us. We are told to rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. We should never be proud or repay evil for evil. And, as far as it is possible, we are to live in peace with everyone.

The renewal of our minds is not easy. It is an on-going process that requires faith and a desire to do God’s will. But once we begin to act upon our intentions, God will support and strengthen us. “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Matthew 7:7) “Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6) We hope we have clarified the process needed for the renewal of our minds so that we can be transformed into a new creation. Please write us again.

Sincerely,
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