

# Mind Control - a good kind of mind shift!

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[ 0 : 00 ] I'm going to go to the Word of God now and shortly turn to Corinthians. I'd like to talk to you today about mind control.

! Mind control. Now we think of cults have got mind control. That's not a good kind of mind control. I'd hasten to say I'm talking about mind control in a good way.

A good way. And I'm talking really about an essential for life, for living the Christian life. How really to have true peace of mind.

How to have perfect peace. Perfect peace. And some biblical principles about mental health. Our mind processes our emotions and thoughts.

Every second our mind gathers billions of bits of data which tell us how to feel, think and act. And the mind is that residence of our power, of reason, to remember, to plan, to decide things.

[ 1 : 05 ] Think of your mind. It's just full of so much capacity. It controls our emotions. Good ones and bad ones. Anger.

Sadness. Negativity. Anxiety. Worry. Impure thoughts. Resentment. Self-pride. Pity.

Jealousy. Your brain is working hard, even right now, processing all of this that's going on around you. Even though your brain makes up only about 2% of your body's weight, about 3 pounds, 2% of your weight, it uses 20 to 30% or more of the oxygen and the blood flow of your body.

And the brain uses approximately 86 billion neurons, give or take a few, which fire 18 trillion times a second to perceive, to analyse the incoming data, to decide what, if anything, to do about it, and then to execute your responses.

So your mind has this awesome power and potential. Your mind, it's your intellect, it's got that power for reasoning, for learning, for knowledge.

[ 2 : 27 ] And, in effect, our mind also has the power of volition. In other words, to make life choices. The Bible calls us to apply our hearts, and we could see comparatively our minds, to apply our hearts, our minds, to wisdom.

To wisdom. And this information age, there's sometimes a lack of wisdom. Wisdom. Wisdom. And God reasons with men, we see in the word, and he calls us to exercise discernment, to make right choices, to choose wisely.

Fact is, we can make unwise choices. And our mind also can be deceived. That's why mind control, good mind control, the word speaks about blinded minds.

In telling of the unsaved, it reads, in 2 Corinthians 4, verse 4, it reads, in whom the God, talking in a small g, the God, which is the substitute God, the false God, who is Satan, the devil, in whom the God, Satan, of this world, has blinded the minds of them, which believe not.

There's a blindness over their minds, so they cannot believe. Lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. That bright spotlight of his glory, they're blind to it.

[ 3 : 53 ] It cannot penetrate. Unbelief is a blindness. And you get some people say, as we talk sometimes when we're witnessing, oh, I've got my own beliefs.

You know, we had someone like that just yesterday. And when you press them, they say, I'm an atheist. So what are your beliefs?

I do not believe. Atheism is not believing. So that's the most foolish kind of belief, is to actually have unbelief, isn't it? I do not believe.

It's pure foolishness to build your world view on unbelief. It's a blindness, isn't it? A blindness of the mind. And that's how the devil would blind people, in their minds, such that the truth can't enter their thinking.

And then you actually get some people, who are so bold-faced, one of the people we were talking to just yesterday, they boldly said, I am a Satanist. They actually said that they are a worshipper of Satan.

[ 4 : 58 ] Wow, how blind, how blind can a person get that they would actually worship the most evil entity, to actually worship the destroyer of all that is right and true, to confess their faith in Satan himself.

What blindness, what blindness captures people's minds? And so the Bible tells us also that there is a warfare going on for our minds.

There's this battleground, this battlefield, that our mind is this zone where there's the battle going on, of good, of evil, of right, of truth, of error.

And our enemy, the devil, wants to fill our minds with negative thoughts. On the other hand, our Lord wants to fill our minds with his truth and love.

The Bible shows us how we can take every thought captive and make it obedient unto Christ.

Here's how the Word of God tells us about this fight that's going on, this battlefield of the mind.

[ 6 : 08 ] In verse 3 it reads, For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh. It's got the context of a warfare going on. And then verse 4 it reads on, For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, in other words fleshly, of the flesh nature, carnal nature, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, casting it down.

Those things of pridefulness, casting those prideful things down. And those things that exalt against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

So there's a lot there, isn't there? The warfare, these strongholds, these castles, these fortresses that we build that block out God, these walls that we build, says we should pull down those things that block God.

Those imaginations, those thoughts, those high things, that pridefulness that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, we should pull that down, tear that down.

And rather that our thoughts would be brought into this captivity, that they would be brought into his control, into the obedience of Christ, to obey him.

[ 7 : 28 ] And all of us have this battle that's raging, that's going on in between our ears. This battle, it's our thought life, it's what we believe, it's our doubts and fears, our hopes and our faith, our affections and desires.

So how are we to win this battle? The word says we're to take our thoughts captive, captivate those thoughts. How is our pattern of thinking? As believers, we're meant to have the lordship of Christ over our lives, and that includes our minds, that he is lord.

How do we win this battle in our mind? Notice these strongholds, we think of strongholds, we could think of them as deception, as errors, there's plenty of that going on, deception and error.

And we have to take deliberate steps, it says, to tear them down. And it's through the truth that we tear down those strongholds, those faulty thinking patterns and those strongholds of the devil's lies. And that's how he started talking in Genesis, isn't it? Hath God said? He sowed doubt in Adam and Eve. Has God said? Yes, God has said.

[ 8 : 36 ] Yeah, that's what counts. What God says does count. And strongholds are built when we accept and receive error, and we dwell on that, we meditate on that, and we follow that.

And it forms what, it tells us here, our imaginations. Now, an imagination is a false concept. We believe it to be true, but in reality, it is not true.

An imagination, it's just this smoke screen, this, this imagined thing. The Bible talks about imaginations, it says we should tear them down, tear them down. What is it that we move by?

What shapes our thinking, our thought processes, our choices? Well, we capture our thoughts and seek to have the mind of Christ, to actually think, what would our Lord want? And what would our Lord think?

Well, we love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, and mind. Here our Lord is questioned, what is the great commandment? And Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

[ 9 : 43 ] God doesn't exclude your mind, he includes your mind. Christianity is not a religion that you put your mind on the shelf and you stop thinking and reasoning, it's an intelligent belief.

It makes sense. Let's fill our hearts and our minds with the love of God. Let's love him truly, fully, absolutely, with his word. Love him. The Bible tells about our affections and how we are to deliberately set them heavenwards.

It's a decision that we have to make. And God calls us to set our affection there. We see Colossians 3, verse 2, it reads, set your affection. In other words, your love, your desire, what you want, make a decision to set that affection on things above, on heavenly things, not on things on the earth. We can get so preoccupied with our worldly ways and needs and everyday life that we forget heaven, we forget the important things of spiritual truth.

What is it that takes our focus, that motivates our decision making? Our Lord tells us, set, set your affection on things above.

[10:52] When we're making choices, when we're making decisions for life, is it the glory of God that motivates us, that is our focus, or is it our convenience, what's comfortable and easy?

In other words, let's care about what matters eternally the most, most of all. Let's determine to set our affection on things above. In other words, the things that matter to God, the things that are eternal, the things that are of heaven and of truth, let's determine to set our affection on God's truth, set your focus there.

We're told also in this mind control that we ought to have, that we ought to renew our mind. The Bible talks about this renewing of our mind, the importance of it, and in the context of it, it's talking about being a living sacrifice.

In other words, it's our attitude of surrender of our lives unto God. In Romans 12 verse 2, as the first verse talked about, present your bodies a living sacrifice, it reads on verse 2, and be not conformed to, not conformed to, like as in this conforming, the shaping, as a potter would mould some clay and shape it, not conformed to this world, but being transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

As we renew our minds, we may best discern the will of God. When you think about this renewing process, it's like a freshness, a refreshing, that God's life, it's life-giving, isn't it?

[12:30] Not the deadness and shallowness of the emptiness of this world that knows not God, but that refreshing, that fullness, that filling, that freshness of being made truly alive from the inside out as he creates new life in us.

And that's that new way of living, new way of thinking as well, that he makes us fresh and new, brand new on the inside. And the Bible tells us, it exhorts us this.

Paul says, we can renew our minds. We can refresh our soul, our devotion. Through prayer, we can renew our mind by feeding the mind. Here's some soul food that we can feed our mind with God's truth through the studying of his word, his promises, claiming them, surrounding ourselves with godly influences where we can, however much we can, to get fellowship.

We're told to renew, renew our mind. How is that going for you? It's easy for the mind to get perhaps stagnant, sitting still and not renewing.

It's a deliberate direction here. It's a deliberate command that we ought to exercise that transforming of the renewing of our mind, that we may prove or discern what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God, the will of God.

[13:52] That's what matters. To use our mind to find out what does God want for me to do? What is God's will for my life? What does God want rather than what I want?

And to then discern between truth and error, to know right from wrong. And our best decision is to submit to the will of God, to submit to the word of God.

Our only great source of help really, truly, is God's truth because his word is our authority for living and having a willing mind to be willing to serve for God's glory, that his will would become our own will, that we'd make up our mind to determine to find and to do his will as the first consideration above all else.

So, we talked about the mind, the brain, the thinking power. Our thought life is very powerful and it can be destructive. It affects every dimension of our lives.

We see Proverbs 23, verse 7, in part, it says, For as a man, as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. What we think about or who we are in our thought life is very much who we are, isn't it?

[15:08] What we think about, what we dwell upon. Our thoughts are so powerful, more than you can think, really. And that's why we need mind control. Mind control, as we'll talk later.

Our life is shaped by our thoughts. And what's more, we are to guard our mind. Guard our mind. The word cautions us to guard our hearts.

Keep thy heart or guard thy heart. Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life. So, it's telling us there that we should have a guard over our mind.

There should be someone who is like the sentry that's performing guard duty. Here you see a security guard. Here's the security guard, if you like. And his name is Conscience. Conscience. Your conscience. In other words, what's right, what's wrong? This Mr. Conscience patrols the corridors of your mind. And he says, stop.

[16:11] Don't do that. It's sin. And he says, yes, do this. Rather do this. That's the right thing. Keep thy heart with all diligence. And listen to that security guard of conscience as you could picture it.

Because here's a good kind of mind control. We should know, ah, stop doing that. It's wrong. And start doing that. It's right. Stop some kinds of thinking and start new kinds of thinking.

So in this battle for the mind, we need to keep alert to the devil's devices. He would unsettle our minds and blind us to God's ways. There's so many negative influences. We're constantly getting barraged with them, aren't we?

Through the world's media. We have to be on guard in this time of battle to be alert and have perception. There's a protection called for keep thy heart.

In other words, thy mind with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life. You know, the heart and the mind are used kind of interchangeably. So what's more, it says do it, do so diligently, diligently.

[17:18] Make this something you're determined to do. Make an effort about this. Don't just have a sloppy kind of careless attitude. It says keep thy heart with all diligence.

So we think about our influences, our emotions, our emotions affect our thoughts and vice versa and ungodly world views can take away from God's ways.

Ungodly world views are always out there, aren't they? They're constantly being given messaging about the rainbow, about this or that, about the alphabet people. There's all this garbage in and then we wonder why there's garbage out.

We've got to have that guard, guarding, securing our mind, keeping out, filtering out some things that we should not abide by or follow and that the Lord will guide our hearts and our minds as they shape our character, our will.

Another thing about our mind and our thinking is our forgetfulness. This is what I look like when I forget something that's important. When I should remember what my wife wants me to remember and I forget.

[18:28] And we can get forgetful, can't we, about what really matters, forgetful about the good things that God wants us to remember. As the psalmist cries, bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

It's easy to be forgetful, isn't it? And to forget something important. How easily, also, we forget the goodness of God. We forget to praise him. We forget to spend time with his word.

We forget to fellowship. We forget to study his word. We forget to seek God. We forget to thank him and praise him and worship him for his goodness unto us.

We should always keep that in mind. So may we consciously, consciously bless the Lord and tell your soul to bless the Lord. May we consciously commit our ways unto him.

In all our ways, acknowledge him. It's faith. When we see faith, it really encompasses the whole of our living. It says, Trust in the Lord with all thine heart.

[19:27] Lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways, acknowledge him. And he shall direct thy paths. He'll show you the way to walk. He'll show you the way and he'll say, walk ye in it.

And trust in the Lord with all thine heart. Sometimes our own understanding can get in the way of God's way for our life. And here's a health tip for you today.

Be not wise in thine own eyes. Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel and marrow to thy bones. So it's a healthy thing to fear God.

It's a blessed thing. It's going to do you good. It's a wholesome thing to fear the Lord and to depart from evil. There's so much we could unpack in just these two verses here.

Really, they're blessed verses. You might not write them down and put them on your fridge and remember them. The blessed truths of God's word. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.

[20:33] In all thy ways, acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths. Amen. Amen. Be not wise in thine own eyes. We can get wise in our own eyes, prideful, such that we're puffed up and vain.

It says that knowledge puffeth up, doesn't it? We can sometimes know so much that that gets in the way of what really matters. Faith, wisdom, reverence for God, humility, godly fear, godly choices.

There's health and wholeness here. And when God fills our understanding and our thought processes, then we can make wise decisions. We can walk wisely. He'll show us the way to walk. And so, friends, this morning, this is a good kind of mind control. Amen. It's a good kind of mind control that we'd be a student of God's word, that we'd have our ears open to his way.

And here is the fountain of life, the wisdom of God. You've got a book full of it. The wisdom of God, the ways of God. Seek to plant it in your very heart.

[ 21 : 41 ] It's truth, deep down within, to hide his word in your heart and in your mind. And there's peace here. On the one hand, we can have a troubled mind.

A troubled mind. There's many whose lives and minds are troubled, full of care. The world can feed that kind of thinking where we're just dwelling on what's going on.

And the more we read the news, the more depressing it is. Sometimes, isn't it? I've got, you know, there's some sense of, wow, what next? After the coronation, you think, is this another sign of this world and where it's going?

And really, it's no laughing matter, really, isn't it? There is a spirit of fear, in a sense. The confusion, potential of the Antichrist and of the moves that way and our thoughts can dwell on the world views of this world which are vain and empty, the world views of lost people through Hollywood and worldly media and sometimes our very thoughts can be filled such that these negative influences lead us to gossip or anger or lust.

They can corrupt our minds and lead us astray, away from God. But thankfully, we've got the spirit of fear on the other side, we've got God's spirit. His spirit is a spirit of love.

[ 23 : 04 ] It's a spirit of power and a spirit of sound mind. So a healthy mind, in other words. And it's saying, really, we can have a mind that is healthy. We can be healthy upstairs.

We can have sound mental health in the sense that he gives us that peace that's beyond compare. It's beyond anything this world can give. It's a peace that is beyond our comprehension really, isn't it?

And it's an inward peace, a sound mind. And thank God the Bible talks about a sound mind and it comes from him by his spirit and by the working of God's spirit.

As we allow God to work inside of our hearts and in our lives, he can give us that spirit, not a spirit of fear like the world would have, a spirit of despair and confusion and fearfulness, being afraid but a spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind.

And there's a healing for the mind here. There's a wholeness. It's been truly said, here's a good quote, let the mind of the master be the master of your mind.

[ 24 : 09 ] I love that one. Let the mind of the master be the master of your mind. Amen. He is the master. He wants to be the master of our mind, of our life, of our living.

He wants to be the master. Let him be the master of your mind and that will be a good mind control. There are promises that we can hang on to that he's given to us. A fundamental is right here. Really, we could have dwelt this whole morning on just this one verse here. This fundamental right here. It reads, perfect peace. He will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee.

Perfect peace is promised. Literally, shalom, shalom. It's peace, peace. It's perfect peace. It's peace to the nth degree.

It's that absolute peace. It's that peace above and beyond. Not a peace that this world would give but his peace. The very peace of God. You can have that perfect peace, that assured peace, that certain peace, that absolute awesome peace that you know him and he knows you.

[ 25 : 20 ] It says, when your mind, when your mind is stayed upon him. So, how so? It says, stay your mind upon him. It's what our mind is resting on.

What are we resting our mind upon? Is our mind resting on his promises? Resting on his salvation? Are we feeding our mind, enriching our mind? It's by the word.

This is the food source for our mind. This is soul food, the word of God. As we study, as we be a student of the Bible, as we take every opportunity that we can to get together with other students of the Bible, to hear it preached, taught, applied, take time with the word of God, personal time, intimate time, you and him alone with his word open as you receive of his word, of his truth, of his direction, take time with the word of God, with fellowship.

Make it a priority. The Bible talks about a washing of the word. Sometimes we wonder, why is my mind full of unclean thoughts or unworthy thoughts?

Maybe the cleansing of the word isn't happening like it should. Maybe the washing of the word is what we're missing out on and it has that cleansing, refreshing impact. So where is your mindset today?

[ 26 : 39 ] Has it been reset? It can be. We hear about a mind shift. The Bible talks about repentance. Repentance. Now that is literally a change of mind.

Repentance is a two-word word. It's got meta in the Greek which means change and then noia which means the mind.

Repent means change your mind. So when we trust the Lord, talks about repentance and faith, God affects a meta noia, a change, a change of our mind.

He affects a heart change, a mind change, it's a worldview change, it's a Lord change, it's an allegiance change, it's a direction change, we have need of a daily repentance, really, a daily changing, a reconstruction of our thoughts, of our thinking, an alteration of our thought patterns, a daily challenging of these conflicting worldviews.

Actually, the world says this but the word says that and we're changed from the world to the word. There's a regular review of our mental constructs, a changing of our mindsets so that our mind will be constantly stretched and changed by God's truth from unbelief to belief, from sin to holiness, from error to truth, from disobedience to God's honour, from pride to humility, from rebellion to grace, from bitterness to forgiveness.

[ 28 : 17 ] There's this change, this mind shift that goes on and really it's a constancy, it's a constant thing for the child of God. This repentance, this mind change, this mind shift, it also affects a walk change, a heart change, a direction change, we change paths, we switch allegiance, we change loves, our will changes, our walk changes, this mind shift, this repentance, this belief change, that is faith, affects a Lord change, it affects a life change.

And so, there's this wonderful mind control when we get saved that our mind gets changed, our mind gets transformed and keeps on getting transformed such that we get a new way of thinking, a belief change, we get rewired in our mind and the blindness goes and the light goes on and so, there's much truth we could think about what God wants to do with our mind.

Another aspect is that the mind that God wants us to have is a spiritual one. It reads how we can be carnally minded, minded after this world and its fleshly ways, its godless ways or we can be spiritually minded.

The Bible tells us about this mind focus that we can have either it's carnal or it's spiritual. There's really only two contrary ways of thinking. The carnal mind caters to the appetites and the impulses of our carnal nature that cannot please God.

It's bad enough that a carnal mindset ruins individual lives but ultimately it's a rejection from God. We're lost.

[ 30 : 01 ] It leads to death. Rather God wants us to be spiritually minded which is life and is peace. There's a rewiring that happens on the inside of us, on the inside of our minds even that we can be rewired such that his ways we know naturally speaking are not our ways.

His ways are higher than our ways. His thoughts are higher than our thoughts but by his spirits transforming we can be more thinking like him.

We can have a heart and a mind that would think like he would think. That we can be so minded to think like Jesus would think. That's pretty awesome isn't it? You know there's a popular saying what would Jesus do?

Maybe we could also reflect on what would Jesus think? There's a certain sense of how would Jesus think about this or that? What would he want?

What would his heart be? What would his will be? It's scriptural really the sense of the power of positive thinking but really more so the power of godly thinking.

[ 31 : 10 ] That's powerful. That's life and that's peace. That's powerful isn't it? And here's true life and blessing and really to close with a really precious scripture is Philippians 4 which talks about what we should think about what we should think about and Philippians 4 talks about things we should want to think about things that are true that are right that are noble that are pure excellent praiseworthy things as we think on the right things our affections we can know affections and actions that are changed for the positive for the better blessed changes and in the context it's talking a contrast between worry and prayer how we can neglect to pray can't we?

And Paul tells the Philippians this he says be careful in other words don't be full of care don't be full of worry we can be full of cares can't we? Full of worries he says don't be careful for those things for nothing don't be full of care and worry but in everything by prayer and supplication asking God with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God don't worry pray let your request be made known to God ask him speak to him verse 7 and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus we promised here the prevailing peace of God it's as we pray we neglect that sometimes don't we?

it says as we yield to God as we pray he will answer as we talk with our heavenly father there's the source of peace it's in this seek after God seek God notice it tells us that when we do so he shall keep our hearts and minds he shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus there's a peacefulness there there's a restfulness there we can know a rest in Christ there's a wonderful rest not a striving of religiosity of vain works but a resting yes a resting a rest for our soul deep down rest within we read on these powerful words of what we should think about and we'd do well to write this one on the fridge too as it were write it down put it somewhere where you can look at it when your mind is stretched and tested and easily led astray by other things when we're thinking about all kinds of worries or concerns or information that causes confusion or hurt the things that we should think about the things that we should think about we do well to really apply this in

Philippians 4 verse 8 Paul tells us this he says finally brethren whatsoever things are true whatsoever things are honest whatsoever things are just whatsoever things are pure whatsoever things are lovely whatsoever things are of good report if there be any virtue if there be any praise think on these things and it reads on those things which you have both learned and received and heard and seen in me do and the God of peace shall be with you he says think on these things and he says ultimately the God of peace shall be with you so we've touched on some various Bible references that talk about our mind the power of our mind talks about renewing our minds filling our hearts with God's love and truth we can overcome the enemy and live a life that honours the Lord so how to find true peace of mind go to

God in prayer let your thinking be transformed let your thinking be determinedly on these things determined to think on these things there's a command here think on these things what have we talked about just a quick recap the blindness of those who cannot believe those who know not God there's a blindness over some people's minds we talked about the battleground of the mind this fighting this competing world views that's going on of right of wrong of error of truth of the devil of God the strongholds of the mind that we've got to tear down and deconstruct by God's spirit that we will captivate every thought the mind control captivate every thought every single thought to the obedience of Christ to his honour that we would love God with our whole including with our heart our soul our mind that setting our affection we'd make a deliberate decision a choice to set our affection on those things that are right and true godly and heavenly that renewing of our mind as we yield ourselves to God's will which is good and acceptable and it's perfect that guarding of the mind that we'd listen to that sentry guard that security guard of conscience that patrols our mind and says stop doing this start doing that that forgetting not that committing our mind we'd remember the goodness of God we wouldn't forget to praise him we wouldn't forget to put him first the things of God the word of God that soundness of mind that we can have and that staying of the mind the mind that stays on thee shall have shalom shalom perfect peace absolute and it all happens as in repentance and faith we get that mind shift the value shift the culture shift our mind gets radically changed that's repentance it changes everything and following on we get rewired we move from that carnal mindset which is death to the new mind which is life and peace the spiritual mind and so think on these things pray and believe and the

[ 37 : 54 ] God of peace shall be with you the God of peace he's the God of peace you've only seek peace in the in the pipe in the bottle in the vanities of flesh there's no peace there but the God of peace as we let him control our mind he's designed our mind and our mind functions the best when he's in control of it amen when the God of peace is in control of our mind the God of peace shall be with you so when the God of peace is takes over control we'll have the peace of God as well don't you love that the God of peace and the peace of God peace of God which passes all understanding and when the peace of God takes control over the steering wheel of your life that's good mind control amen that's that's what that's the mind control we need isn't it by the grace of

God it's then that we can know true and everlasting peace and it comes as we bow our will our heart and surrender and trust that Jesus is the saviour that he died for me I must trust him I must

trust him and believe his saving of my soul and then the peace of God will take over Lord we thank you that you are the God of peace and Lord we know there's no peace in this world we know as the common saying which comes from your word says that there is no peace saith my God to the wicked we know those who are blinded in their minds cannot know that peace it's it's not in them yet we that trust you can know the prince of peace mind our heart and be that prince of peace that you would so capture our thoughts that we would have that mind help us  
Lord in that battle ground of the mind when we know sometimes those other thoughts come in that we ought not have help us Lord to crucify the flesh and such thinking that is wrongful that we can truly be a surrendered people to know that good and acceptable and perfect will of God we pray for every soul here those that might be watching Lord that each one can have that heart's trust that knows that salvation sure and certain and eternal that comes as we trust in you we pray in Jesus precious name Amen