

Sunday March 10, 2019

**New Creation series week 1, "New Mind" - John Eirich, Sr. Pastor**

*So then whoever is in Christ, they are a new creation! Everything old has passed away, all things are become new!*

**New Mind**

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24*

*By the humility and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you—I, Paul, who am "timid" when face to face with you, but "bold" toward you when away! I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world. For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete. You are judging by appearances. If anyone is confident that they belong to Christ, they should consider again that we belong to Christ just as much as they do. So even if I boast somewhat freely about the authority the Lord gave us for building you up rather than tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem to be trying to frighten you with my letters. For some say, "His letters are weighty and forceful, but in person he is unimpressive and his speaking amounts to nothing." Such people should realize that what we are in our letters when we are absent, we will be in our actions when we are present. 2 Corinthians 10:1-11 NIV*

**Take every thought captive by submitting them to:**

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*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:4-7 NKJV*

*Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:7-9*

*So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect. Romans 12:1-2 GNT*

### **Talk It Over**

**Read Ephesians 6;10-18**, the passage on the armor of God. Go through verse by verse and answer these questions:

- > What strategies do you see the enemy using in your life and in the lives of those around you? Do you see the enemy attacking our minds and our thoughts?
- > Look at each piece of armor. How does each piece fit together and protect us from the attack of the enemy? Discuss.
- > Do you have unhealthy thoughts which are controlling portions of your life or which you feel you don't have control to stop? Make a list of your thoughts, leaving space to write a response to each thought. Make note of what Truth would say to your thought – what does the Word say? What does God's Spirit say? What voice might you hear from a perspective of maturity on your thought?
- > Receive prayer to take your unhealthy thoughts captive.