

Renew

Romans 12:2- And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

The Lord is the basis and source of human renewal throughout the course of life. The Church celebrates creation being renewed by the Lord's Divine action. Believers have the opportunity and the blessing to seek renewal in the Lord God. Seeking renewal involves the conscious choice to turn to the Lord in resolute faith. Renewal involves seeking and committing to embrace and follow the Lord. Jesus Christ creates the change in the believer through love, mercy and grace. Following Jesus Christ involves a willingness to be forgiving and loving of others.

2 Corinthians 4:16- For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. (KJV)

Daily life brings challenges and Christ strengthens the believer to face them. Resolute faith in the Lord enables believers to face adversity when it arises. Believers will reject old ways that are harmful in order to grow in Jesus Christ. Hope always is possible in Jesus Christ regardless of the difficulties in daily life. Jesus Christ offers the path to triumph over adversity and for the soul's salvation. The Lord's love and mercy provide the believer the way to triumph over evil. Strength from the Lord can be accessed throughout the course of earthly life.

Ephesians 4:23-And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; (KJV)

The believer's mind is a blessing from God for use in ways pleasing to the Lord. Each person is challenged to use the mind in gratitude to God and to love others. Personal and interpersonal relationships will reveal if the mind rests in the Lord. Expelling sin and sinful thoughts are a constant necessity during the course of life. The Jesus Prayer is always effective in combatting perilous thoughts that arise. When the mind is renewed in Jesus Christ, healthy steps are taken in daily life. The Lord has the power to renew and reorient the mind for the benefit of good.

Colossians 3:10-And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (KJV)

The length of the Christian journey through life will vary among believers. Each believer is expected to be conscientious from the time of Holy Baptism. The commitment to follow Christ at baptism is to be honored all the days of life. Repentance is the way to return to the path of following Jesus Christ in earnest. The Church encourages repentance and fosters the atmosphere for repentance. Loving Jesus Christ in the heart, mind and soul renews and transforms the person. Immeasurable joy exists when the believer is renewed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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