TRANSFORMING THE MIND

Rom 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.

Except the mind is purposely renewed it is not possible to be transformed. We may want the transformation from the “old man” to the “new man”, but the fact is we can’t do it without a new mind, which is the mind of Christ.

The study of the Word of God will kick-start the renewal process.

Paul says “casting down imaginations”.
We need to have captive thought life.

Rom 8:6  **For to be carnally minded is death**: but to be spiritually minded **is life** and peace. 7Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Phil 4:8  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**, and if **there be any praise**, **think on these things**.

1 Cor 2:16  For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But **we have the mind of Christ**.

Salvation is always the first step to renewal. (2 Cor 6:2)
Salvation is deliverance from sin and sin’s penalty.

Confess: Psa 27:1  The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

We are no longer in darkness, we are in His light. He is our living bread.

Jn 6:35  And Jesus said unto them, "**I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger**; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

The Lord is our redeemer.

Jer 31:10  Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd
doth his flock. 11 For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

The fact is that God has redeemed (thee) and ransomed (thee) from the hand of Satan that was stronger than (thee).

The believer has the right of redemption. We can choose to purchase.

Jer 32:7 Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is thine to buy it.

Jer 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Jer 32:19 Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

We are redeemed property, which Jesus Christ paid for in full.

1 Cor 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

We are also redeemed from the curse of sickness and disease. (Mt 8:18)

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

In Deuteronomy (chapter 28) we see that sicknesses come from disobedience. However, we also see that blessing and health comes from obedience to God. (Deut 28:60,61)

Deut 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Ps 103:2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.