

*“Transformation Through Illumination”*

*Romans 12:2*

I. The immaterial part of man we call the heart.

- A. The heart is the seat of the spiritual life (Matt. 5:8).
- B. The heart is the seat of the volitional life (Matt. 6:19-21).
- C. The heart is the seat of the intellectual life (Matt. 9:4).
- D. The heart is the seat of the emotional life (Matt. 22:37).

The heart is simply the biblical way of referring to the immaterial part of man.

II. The immaterial part of man we call the conscience.

The conscience is the primary vehicle through which the Holy Spirit communicates with humanity (Acts 23:1; 24:16; Rom. 9:1).

III. The immaterial part of man we call the mind.

A. The unsaved mind

- 1. The unsaved mind is reprobate (Rom. 1:28)
- 2. The unsaved mind is “vain” (Eph. 4:17).
- 3. The unsaved mind is “fleshly” (Col. 2:18).
- 4. The unsaved mind is corrupt (I Tim. 6:5; 2 Tim. 3:8).
- 5. The unsaved mind is defiled (two times in Titus 1:15□□)
- 6. The unsaved mind is darkened (Eph. 4:18□□)

B. The saved mind

- 1. The saved mind can be opened or illuminated by God (Luke 24:45; Eph 1:18).
- 2. The saved mind is to be renewed (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23; Titus 3:5).

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3. The saved mind should think soberly about itself (Rom. 12:3, 16; 1 Cor. 4:6; Phil 2:5).
4. The saved mind is to be set on things above (Col. 3:2) and not on things below (Phil. 3:19).
5. The saved mind is to be girded up (1 Pet. 1:13).
6. The saved mind is to be stirred up (2 Peter 3:1).