

Think Like Jesus Christ!

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You might say to yourself, "How can I think like Jesus Christ?" Great question! First, we have to learn His thinking. We do that through the power of the Holy Spirit and by learning and believing Bible doctrine. Jesus Christ tells us to settle down and learn Bible doctrine, His thinking, so He can settle down in our hearts, or minds. Jesus Christ wants to dwell in our hearts, or be at home in our thinking. He wants us to have the same thinking He has so He can be comfortable with our thoughts.



Ephesians 3:17 So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith [doctrine]...

The old sin nature we each have wants to be wise. It wants to be wise with human viewpoint, or human thinking. It doesn't want anything to do with the thinking of Jesus Christ! In fact, it will do everything it can to keep us away from Bible doctrine and Jesus Christ's thinking! It works tirelessly to get us to go against the Holy Spirit* Who is our true Teacher. The old sin nature doesn't want believers to be wise with the thinking of Christ.

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Problem Solving Device #2: Filling of the Holy Spirit*.

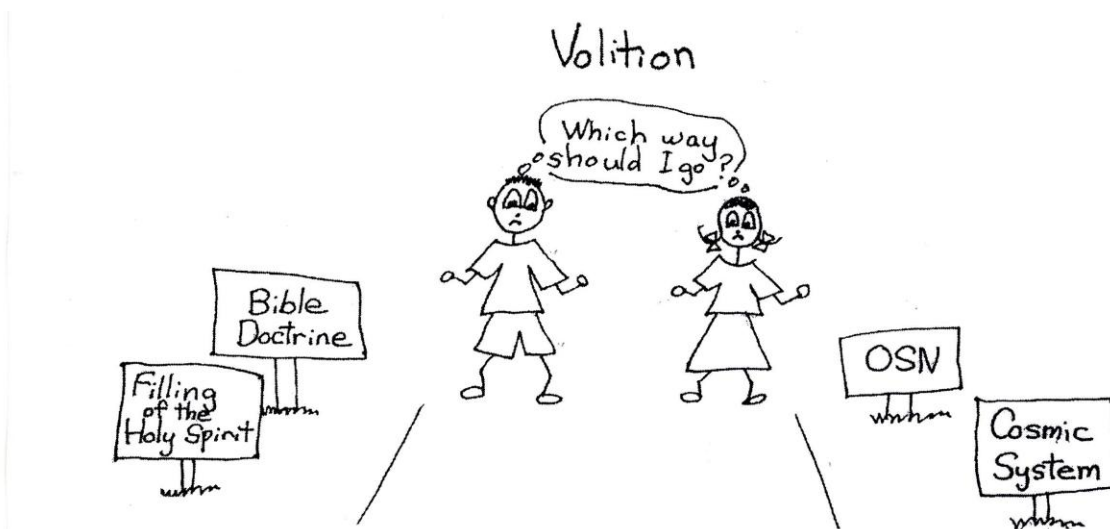


Galatians 5:17 For the flesh [old sin nature] sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh....

Our old sin nature wants each of us to think we can be happy living life according to human viewpoint. For example, it tries to get each of us to think we don't need God. How ridiculous is that?! God is the One Who created us and gives us everything we need to live in His plan for our lives. It is up to each of us to use our volition* so we can choose for Him or for our old sin nature. There is a real battle going on in our souls.** That is why we need to consistently learn Bible doctrine. We need to learn that the battle is the Lord's! We need to learn God's way of life for us so we can truly be happy.

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Authority Rules*.

** *Are We Ready for the Battle?*

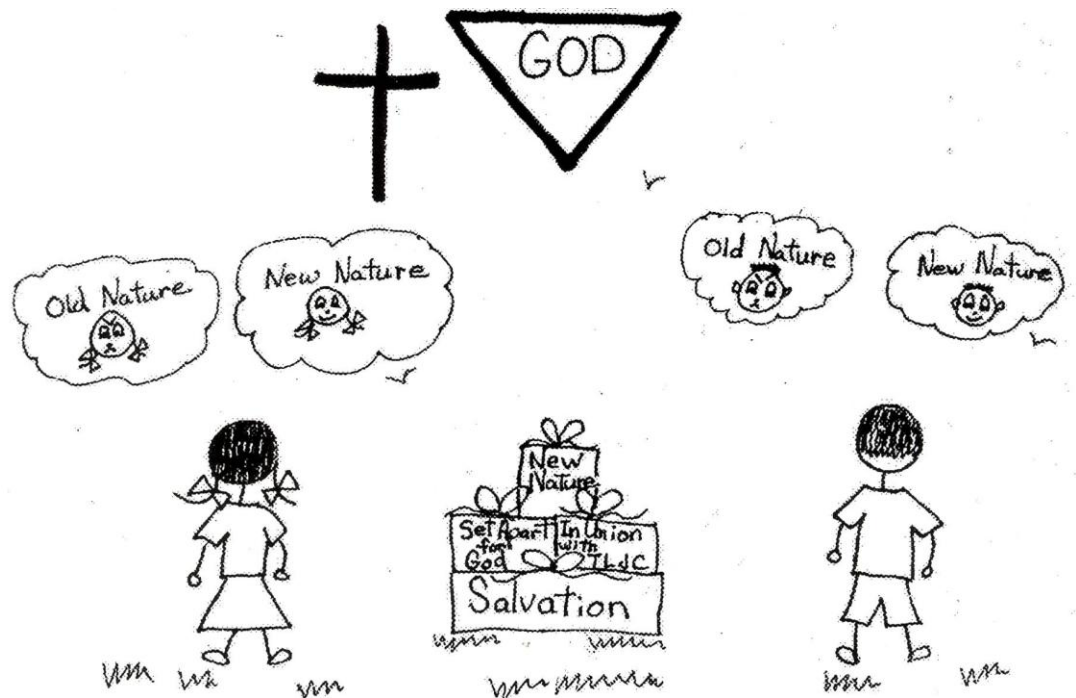


2 Chronicles 20:17 " You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation [deliverance] of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem." Do not fear of be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, for the Lord is with you.

Church Age believers have something that was a total mystery to the previous dispensations*; we are in Christ, or new creatures in Christ.** This means: we are children of God - members of the Royal Family of God, we are in the body of Christ - the Church, we are priests, we have the Trinity living inside of us, and we have a special purpose - to glorify or honor God! What opportunity and privilege we have! Church Age believers have new Bible doctrine for our new spiritual creature!

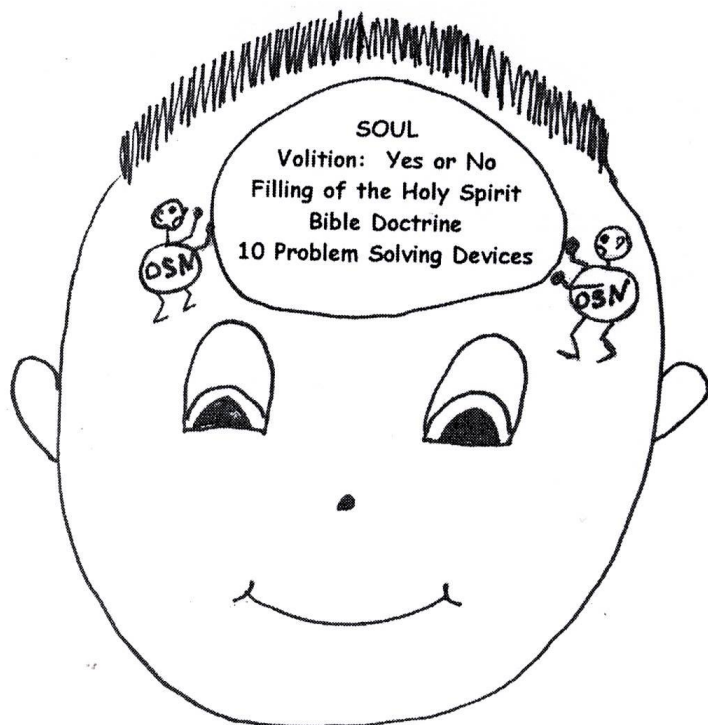
*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Looking At History With God's Timeline*.

** *Newness of Life In Christ*.



2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away [lost their power]; behold, new things have come

The privileges and opportunities that come to us by being in union with Christ, or by being new creatures in Christ, are real. However, to experience them we need capacity; we need the ability to hold Christ's thinking in our souls. Here we are back to thinking again. It is what is in our minds that counts! And because we are in Christ, we also have the privilege to know God's love, the love of Jesus Christ. Imagine that! We have precious time on earth to learn about that love and give it to ourselves and others. We have precious time to learn the thinking of Christ!



2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us,

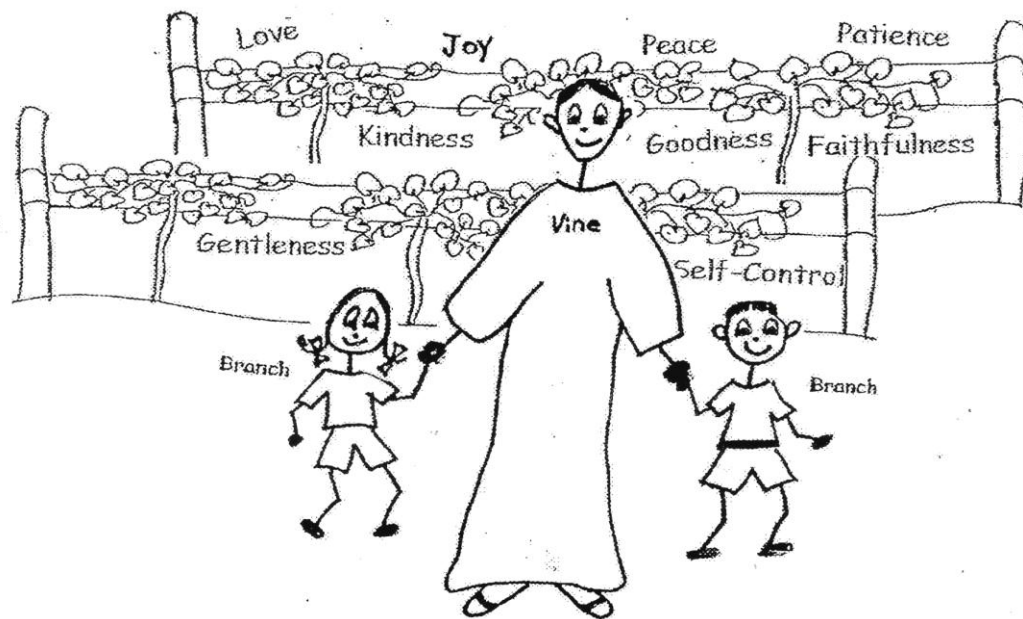
having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;

Colossians 2:6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord [through faith], so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and overflowing* with gratitude.

God the Holy Spirit wants to teach us to be confident in whom we are in Christ. **Through the power of God the Holy Spirit, we can** have the love of Christ in our souls. **We can** also have the other parts of the fruit of the Spirit: joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.* **The Holy Spirit can** make our new creatures grow spiritually when we learn, believe and use Bible doctrine, or divine thinking. **We can** learn to be confident in whom we are in Christ. **We can** have spiritual self-esteem!**

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Fruit of the Spirit*.

** *Personal Sense of Destiny*, and *We Can Be In God's Hall of Fame*.

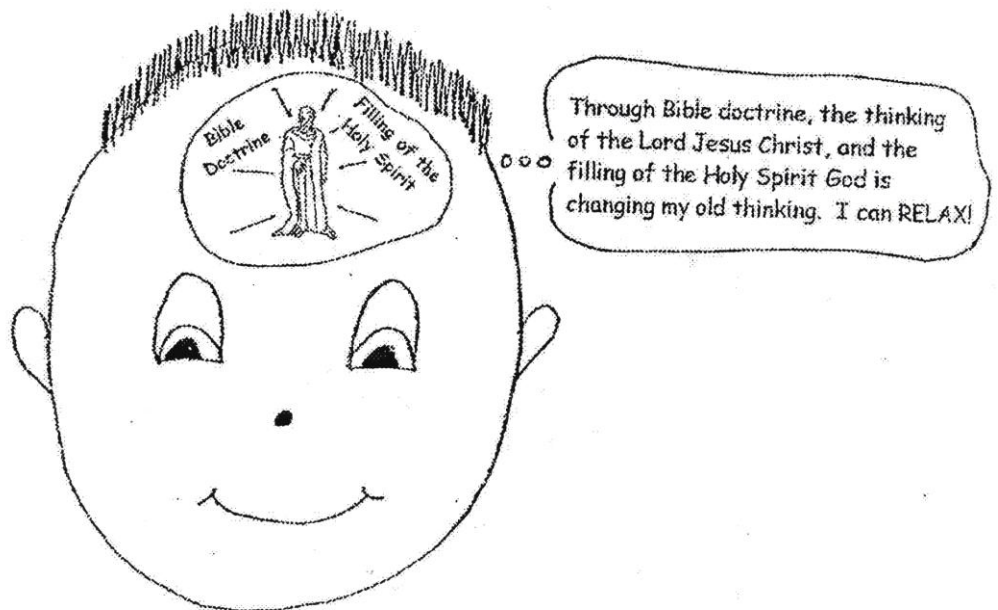


Colossians 3:12-13 So, as those [Royal Family] who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Believers are made complete spiritual creatures at the moment of salvation. At that time we receive God's righteousness*, and He sees each of us as blameless in our new creature. The problem is we don't see ourselves that way.** Therefore, Christ can't feel completely at home in our hearts. He knows we are complete, but we have to know that also. Once we realize we have everything we need to reach spiritual maturity, we just have to choose to learn Bible doctrine, Christ's thinking. Then we will be able to see our complete and blameless spiritual creature. Jesus Christ will be at home in our hearts!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Soteriology, Propitiation, and Never Left Alone*.

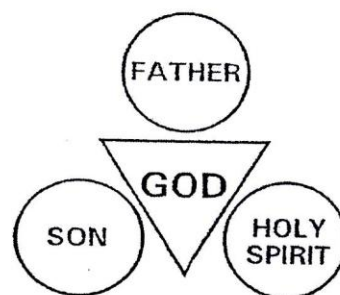
**Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Know No Man According to the Flesh*.



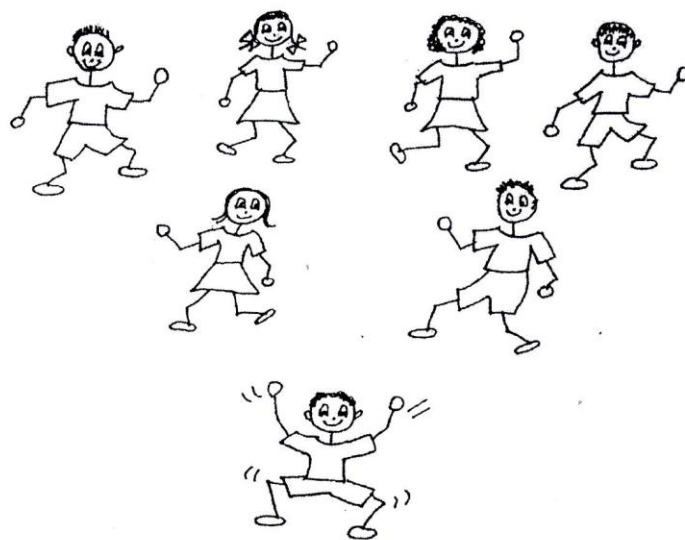
2 Corinthians 5:21
He made Him who
knew no sin *to be* sin
on our behalf, so that
we might become the
righteousness of God
in [by means of] Him.

Colossians 2:9-10 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority....

God is for us! Each believer has a special purpose in the plan of God. So we can accomplish that purpose, we are to receive divine viewpoint, or Christ's thinking, in our souls. That thinking is in God's guide book, the Bible. God gives His power, His plan and His thinking. We are to receive them and be thankful. We can have the thinking of Christ. Then He will be comfortable with our thoughts. Our thinking will match His thinking. The Holy Spirit can make a home for Christ in our hearts. It is an honor to have Jesus Christ as our Guest! Let's see to it that His home is cozy!



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Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which [peace] indeed you were called in one body [church]; and be thankful.

Points to Remember

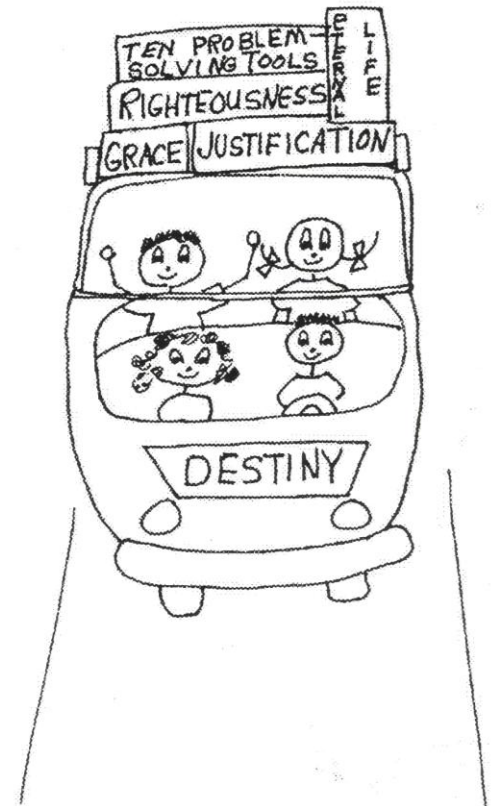
1. We learn the thinking of Jesus Christ by learning Bible doctrine through the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. The old sin nature wants to be wise with human viewpoint, or human thinking.
3. The old sin nature wants us to think we can be happy living life his way.
4. Church Age believers have something that was a total mystery to the previous dispensations; we are in Christ, or new creatures in Christ.
5. To experience the privileges and opportunities that come to us by being in union with Christ, we need capacity.
6. God the Holy Spirit wants to teach us to be confident in whom we are in Christ.
7. Believers are made complete spiritual creatures at the moment of salvation.
8. Each believer has a special purpose in the plan of God.

Questions for Discussion

1. How can you think like Jesus Christ?
2. What does the old sin nature want?
3. Why do we have volition?
4. What does it mean to be a new creature in Christ?
5. How can we experience what God has made us to be in our new creatures?
6. How can we become confident in whom we are in Christ?
7. What does it mean for Jesus Christ to be at home in our hearts?

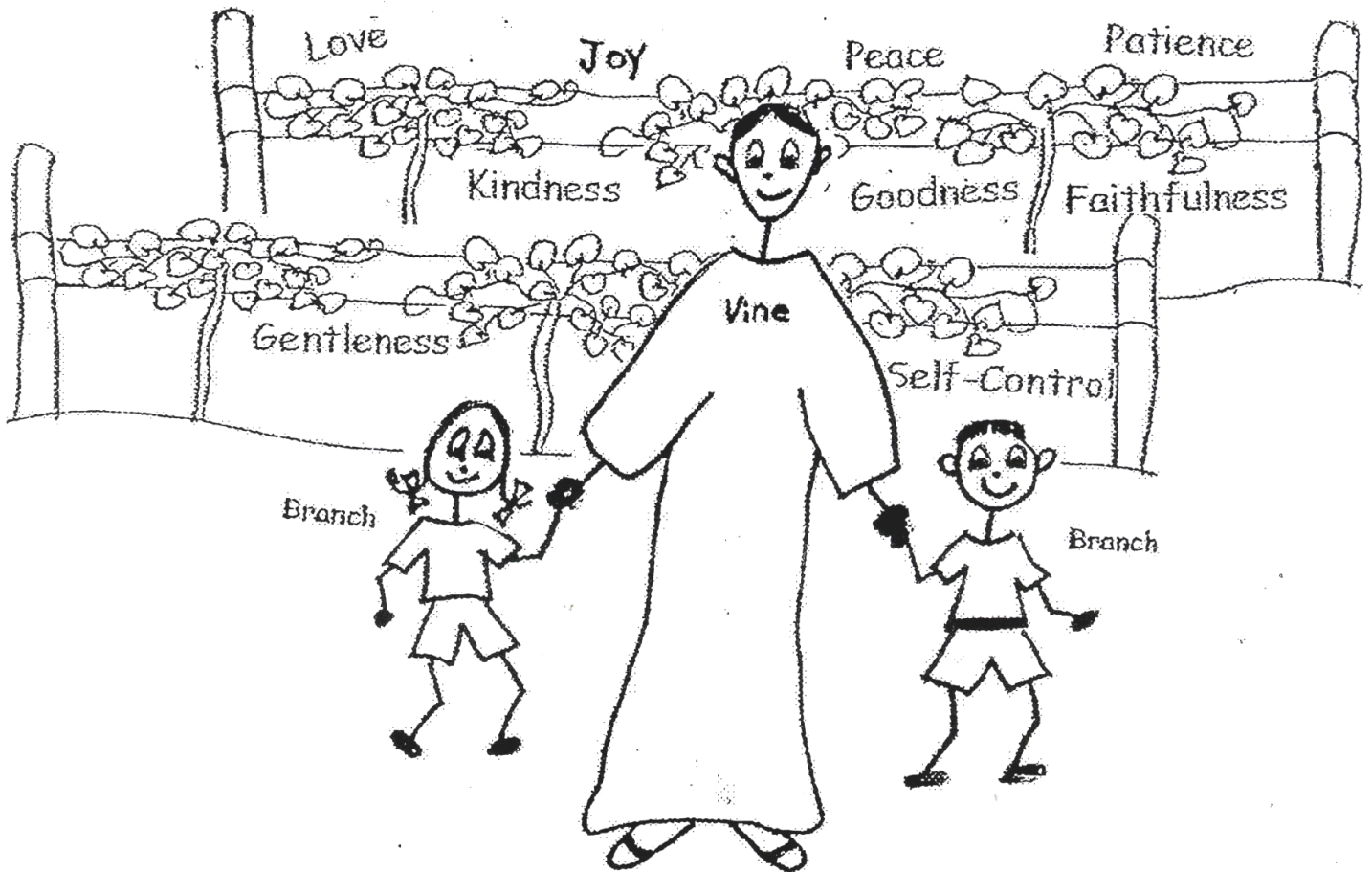
Colossians 2:2-3 That their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and *attaining* to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a true knowledge of God's mystery, *that is*, Christ *Himself*, in Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

You are entering
God's Will
and Purpose
for your life.
Enjoy!



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Jude 1:24-25 Now to Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.



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