

CCC ROOTS P5

1. ALL BEHAVIOR IS BASED ON A BELIEF

In other words what you believe effects how you behave.

You will only be obedient to God to those things you believe. What you think determines the way you feel, and what you feel determines the way you act. You want to change the way you act... you want to change your actions, it all starts in the mind. Every behavior is based on a belief.

2. BEHIND EVERY SIN... IS A LIE...THAT I AM BELEIVING

I'm believing something false when I do something that is in rebellion towards God, in rebellion towards God's word, the bible. When you sin at that moment your thinking this sin is the best for me right now.

3. CHANGE ALWAYS STARTS IN THE MIND.

4. TO HELP PEOPLE CHANGE, WE MUST FIRST CHANGE THEIR BELIEFS.

5. TRYING TO CHANGE PEOPLE'S BEHAVIOR WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR BELIEFS IS A WASTE OF TIME.

Let's say I have a boat, a speed boat and it's on a lake and this lakes goes from north to south and where on my speed boat and my speed boat has an autopilot and you set the autopilot to go north... That autopilot automatically will take that boat north. Now lets say you want to go south you want to turn around, by the way this is called repentance. You want to go the opposite direction the they way your going. Your boat is naturally geared to go north because the autopilot is set to go north but you want to go south. Now there are two ways you can turn the boat around. The first way is to grab hold of the wheel and visibly force it to

turn around and head south. Now it will go south but everything in the boat wants desires to go north because the autopilot says go north. But you by your sheer will power are forcing everything in the boat to go south in an unnatural feeling and the entire time your forcing it to go south and your trying to change yourself through will power. You are under tension... Why because everything wants to go north. You're under tension every time you try and change your life under your own will power.

Inevitably you get tired... you get tired of the stress and the pressure and what you're trying to change doesn't feel natural so you let go of the wheel and you go off the diet. Go back to your old ways some... You start smoking again; you go back to the pornography. You start speaking wrongly again to your wife and children. You start having those fears again. You start dealing with stress the way you

typically deal with it... **Why???** -----Will power does not work! It works in the short term. But God never intended the changes in your life to be by will power that does not work. Eventually you get tired and you let go and you turn back and you head north again.

The better way to turn the boat around is to change the autopilot... and when you change the autopilot to go south it's no swet. It just begins wanting to go south.

What's the autopilot in your life? It's your belief system, it's your convictions. It's your values. It's the way you think about God. It's the way you think about Satan. It's the way you think about your husband. It's that way you think about your kids, the way you think about good and evil. Past present and future... It's the way you think about life. It's changing your mind set and that's why the

bible says we are transformed by the renewing of your mind, changing your mind set.

Let me let you in on a little secret I have learned in being a Christian for 30 yrs. It's not hard to obey when your mind is renewed. It's not hard... But it's impossible to obey when your mind isn't renewed. You will go back to the same sins, problems, fears, faults, mistakes, habits ect.

One of the things that has always bother me over the years is how could someone could go to church for yrs and yrs and never be changed... How is that possible? They have been in church for years and yet their still cranky, they still gossip, their still self centered, and why is this because their minds have not been change.

If you want your life to change you need to get to the root of the matter in your life, **your sins**. And what is sin... We've established already in previous messages that:

- **You only believe the parts of the Bible you do.**
- **When you know something from God's word, the bible and you don't do, it's sin.**

So how do we change... it happens by seeing the lies that you believe your belief system.

Listen to Galatians 5:16 *"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh.* Now notice I want you to circle the phrase *not fulfill* because notice it doesn't say walk in the Spirit and you won't have the lust of the flesh. Your still going to have them you just don't fulfill them. See this is what I don't understand in our society. They don't get this... There are people who say what if I find I am naturally attracted to a man and I am a man, the feeling is natural then I should just give in to it... I call this, same sex attraction and No you don't have to give into it, Christian maturity means I don't give into

every desire I have... Yes I have desires but I just don't give into them... Another example is as a health male you may have a desire to sex with every other women you see... but that doesn't mean you do it... Galatians says, *you don't fulfill the lust of the flesh*. You and I may have the desire to pig out at every meal but it doesn't mean I have to do... You have lots of things that you desire to do that are wrong but it doesn't mean you have to do them. You might insult me and I want to slug you in the face. It just feels so natural after you insulted me to punch you in the face. Maturity isn't always doing what you feel like doing...

Now it is not a sin to be tempted, No, it's a sin to act on the temptation. The bible says Jesus was tempted in every way yet He never sinned. It's not a sin to have an attraction... it's a sin to follow that attraction. Male,

female, food, TV, sex, drugs, whatever, *Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh*. Doesn't mean you don't have them... you don't fulfill them... why.... because your mind has been renewed and that's what it means to walk in the Spirit. Now let's look into your notes for a moment number 1

1. THE BIBLE TERM FOR "CHANGING YOUR MIND" IS _____!

What I have been talking to you about most of this series is repentance. **Repentance means changing your mind**. The problem today is this word repentance is a misunderstood and mis used word today by some people. What do most people think when they hear the word repent. I think of the guy with a sandwich sign on...that says, turn or burn, your going to die and fry while we go to the sky. Most people think repentance means quit your meanness, stop your evil

behavior and that is not what the words means. The word repentance does not mean stop doing bad. The Greek word metanoia = meta meaning, flip. Noia meaning mind, we come out with, "*to change your mind!*" Listen carefully, not change your actions, we will come to that next week, but it means to change your mind. It means I once believed this now I believe this, I once thought this now I think this, I once saw it this way and now I see it this way, I once had this perspective now I have this perspective, I once felt and thought this now I feel and think this... Metanoia = I am changing the way I think about something and excepting the way God thinks about something. That's repentance. Changing the way I think about something by accepting the way God thinks about something... What does God think about money? What does God think about sex? What does God think about life and death and love? What does God

think about crime, what does God think about work, or family or kids. Repentance is I change the way I think because now I desire to think the way God thinks about it... The world has a word for repentance its called pyridine shifts. I had a pyridine shift and repentance is the ultimate pyridine shift... I went from darkness to light, I went from dope to forgiveness, from sin to salvation, from hell to heaven, from no purpose to meaning in life, from insignificant to significant, from worry to peace, the greatest change I ever made...

If I would of understood what repentance was going to bring into my life... I would have done it a whole lot sooner then 30. A lot of people think of repentance as taking castro oil. Repentance does have to be a negative thing... Repentance actually opens the eyes to understand the benefits of God Grace. Repentance does not have to be

a negative thing... Yes your turning away from negative things, yes your turning away from yourself but your turning towards God. It no longer about me it's about God but trust Him and He will show you that is the best thing for you. Repentance is the most positive change in the world. From darkness to light, from hopelessness to hope, from guilt to peace, from life without God to life with God, repentance is an in creditable benefit. Let's listen to what Ezekiel had to say,

"I will teach you to respect me completely, and I will put a new way of thinking inside you. I will take out the stubborn hearts of stone from your bodies, and I will give you obedient hearts of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26 (NCV) That's

repentance as a pastor I am in the mind changing business. That what I do every Sunday I stand up here before you and my goal it to change your mind form the way you think

to God's way of thinking. Repentance is at the deepest level of mind changing

2. YOU DON'T CHANGE PEOPLE'S MINDS,

The applied word of God does... You can't change other people mind... but the Holy Spirit can when you apply the word of God to the way that it is personal, practical, profitable and provable. Let's look at the word of God read it with me... *"We speak words given to us by the Spirit,*

using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths." 1 Cor. 2:13b (NLT) We are Spirit filled and Spirit led people.

Only head knowledge does nothing. That only present a doctrine to you... Rooted understanding is allowing God to be in the word given to you, spoken to you... There is a Spirit element in you and you know it. Look at these verses.

2 Sam. 23:2 says, "The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue."

Zech. 4:6 "'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord."

2 Cor. 10:4-5 (NCV) "Our weapons have power from God that can destroy the enemy's strong places. What are the weapons we use, getting people elected into office, political awareness? Here are weapon... in this next verse *We destroy people's arguments* What are we talking about here mind change, were talking about repentance, were talking about pyridine shift *We destroy people's arguments and every pretension that raises itself against the knowledge of God.* Spiritual warfare is mental it's in the mind. "Our weapons have power from God that can destroy the enemy's strong places. Where are those strong

places... There in minds of people. *We destroy people's arguments and every pretension that raises itself against the knowledge of God.* Now this is the great phrase. *We capture every thought and make it give up and OBEY Christ.*" That's living for obedience to God. I love that last phrase, *We capture every thought and make it give up and OBEY Christ.*" What that telling you and I also in this verse... it going to be a battle I need to capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ it's going to be difficult. We are in a battle a cosmic battle for the souls and minds of people. That's why many times we are tired weary worn out need fresh touch from the Master... Why because we are in a battle for the mind AMEN!
So let me ask you what are you going to do with this message...
Let us prayer: