

SINS OF THOUGHT

Sin begins in the heart and the mind. Matthew 15:19

Until our thoughts and attitudes are under God's control, we will never know the fullness of Christ.

Proverbs 23:7

You can only be as filled with God as you are willing to emptied yourself.

I. Salvation is Absolute

A. Matthew 7:22-23 Many will say on that day that they are saved only to find out that they never were.

B. John 17:3 True salvation consists of knowing Christ in a life changing personal relationship.

C. Romans 8:16 People who are saved have a strong supernatural assurance of their salvation.

D. Questions

Are there any doubts?

Have you ever had a close, intimate, personal relationship with Jesus?

Is there head knowledge alone or is there also heart knowledge?

Where is the point in your life where you gave your heart to Jesus?

Is there peace?

Is there conviction of sin?

Is there change and a desire for more change?

II. Types of Thoughts **2 Corinthians 10:5**

Reflect on the type of thoughts that occupy your mind

Christ centered thoughts vs. earthly issues.

Is your mind filled with spiritual growth and serving God?

Are you plagued with fearful and angry thoughts?

Make a commitment to renew your mind. Romans 12:2

III. Impure Thoughts **Matthew 5:28**

Impure inputs equates to impure thoughts.

Unclean thoughts block away Christ-centered thinking.

What thoughts are you ashamed of having?

Replace unclean thoughts with God's glory.

Memorize Scripture to remove inappropriate thoughts.

IV. Colossians 3:1-3

Do your affections and priorities often revolve around people and worldly things rather than spiritual things?

What are your passions?

What excites you most?

What percentage of your thought life centers around Christ and His Kingdom?

By the grace of God we can change our affections and our thoughts

V. Psalm 1:2, Psalm 119:15-16

God's will is for us to fill our minds with His Word.

We must make the consistent choice to hide His Word in our heart.

Do you have a desire to develop a habit to seriously read and study God's Word?

Do you meditate on God's Word?

Do you write down key verses that God uses to speak to you with?

You cannot love God and not love His Word.

VI. James 4:3

Improper motive is a sin that is frequently overlooked.

Possibly the unrecognized cause of many unanswered prayer.

We constantly give God our list of wants but have little thought of what we can give to Him.

Many people pray and worship with selfish motives.

Are you guilty of seeking God more for what He can do for you than out of a genuine love for Him?

Are your thoughts mixed with selfish desires rather than seeking God's glory?

Are you willing to pray for God's will, even when it does not fit into your plan?

Does your love, devotion, and worship decrease when things do not go YOUR way?

When you get disappointed do you cool off toward God and the church?

Confess and ask God to give you a deep purity of purpose for His kingdom.

Ask God to give you an unconditional love and service to Himself.

VII. Matthew 15:8-9 Amos 5:21-24

God is displeased with insincere worship and empty ritual.

Many believers have forgotten the awesome holiness and majesty of our Creator.

We seriously compromise with sin and yet expect God to honor our prayers and receive our worship.

Many thoughtlessly receive the Lord's Supper.

Many treat the Sabbath as just another day of the week.

Deep reverence for the Lord's day is one of the ten basic commandments.

Many are oblivious to just how far we have moved from Biblical reverence for God.

In coming to worship is your primary purpose to bow down before God in utter repentance and obedience?

Is Sunday God's day or your day?

Have you taken the Lord's Supper with an impure heart?

Is your worship you going through the motions?

Do you hear sermons or just listen to words?

Insincere, ritualistic worship is one of the most serious sins a believer can commit.

Confess your shallow reverence and worship of God.

VIII. Hebrews 12:14 1 John 3:3

The intense pursuit of holiness is to be the predominate priority of every Christian.

The pursuit of holiness is a spiritual passionate effort, a spiritual mindset.

The Key: Being Spirit-filled.

Is your mind filled with thoughts of how to experience greater holiness?

Do you wish you were more like Jesus?

Do you allow God to constantly reveal to you anything that is not right?

Matthew 6:33

1. What areas do you need to change?
2. How do these sins affect your relationship with God and others?
3. In what specific ways can you change your thoughts?

If you and God have dealt with your sin, you and God are done with your sin.