

INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

HOW A RENEWED MIND THINKS

ROMANS 12:3–8



The Heart of the Matter

We have given serious and lengthy consideration to the first two verses of Romans 12. They contain Paul's urgent appeal for each of us to present our bodies (radical *consecration*) and to renew our minds (radical *transformation*) so that we might know what it means to live out "the will of God." We learned that in doing so, we come to realize just how "good and acceptable and perfect" God's will is. Now, we'll discover some of the foundational benefits of a "renewed mind." We will see that it enables us to have a correct view of ourselves, a correct understanding of fellow believers, and a correct appreciation of our spiritual gifts. Thinking correctly about these three subjects is crucial as we commit to a life of serving others.



Discovering the Way

1. Necessary Review (Romans 12:1–2)

Paul urged all followers of Christ to present their bodies as living sacrifices and to renew their minds.

2. Renewed Thinking (Romans 12:3–8)

Paul urged all followers of Christ to think correctly about themselves (Romans 12:3), to think correctly about other believers (12:4–5), and to think correctly about spiritual gifts (12:6–8).

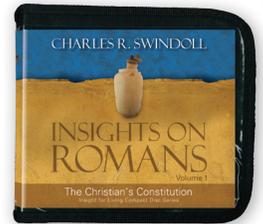


Starting Your Journey

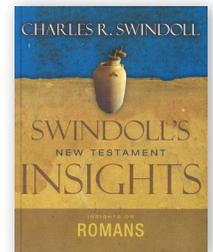
The practical results of renewed thinking: initially, you'll break the habit of "group think"; continually, you'll reap the benefits of seeing what others fail to see; and ultimately, you'll influence others to do the same.



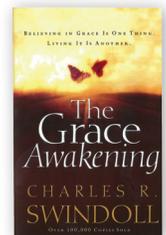
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