

BE A BRINGER


“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.


Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK
Tony and Marcia Haug | Japan



PRAISE
- Thank the Lord for all of the opportunities to evangelize during the Christmas season.

PRAY
- Pray that God will send us a full time English teacher for an after school program.
- Pray for the 40+ people studying “Experiencing God”.
- Pray for Tony’s torn meniscus surgery recovery.
- Pray for wisdom as we plan to integrate Baiko University students in our church in 2025.
- Pray for Taiga Takeyasu, a pastor-in-training at SCBC.
- Pray for Mrs Tsuwazaki’s husband, Mrs. Kihara and her husband to be drawn to Christ.
- Pray for the staff of New Beginning International Pre-School as they share the gospel.

The NEW YOU



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Study Date: 02/11/24

The New You Mentally

Like begets like, flesh begets flesh, and Spirit begets spirit. When we were born of fallen Adam we were born of the flesh and received a fallen and fleshly nature. When we were born of the Holy Spirit, we received a holy and spiritual nature. When we first believed in Christ, we received a new nature, the nature of Christ. We were born into newness of life and given a regenerated spirit, a new life in Christ.

The former nature that we received when we were born into this world, was corrupted by deceitful desires. It was awash with lusts and deception, but we were taught with reference to our former way of life, to lay aside the old man (to put off the old sinful, lustful nature), which was being continuously corrupted in accordance with deceitful desires of our flesh and to be renewed in the spirit of our minds.

Because we are no longer are part of the old life in Adam but the new life in Christ, we should no longer exhibit our original corrupt nature but our new, born-again nature, and this is done, by the renewing of our minds.

It is the Word of God that renews our minds. It is the holy Bible that washes our minds clean. It is the God-breathed Scriptures that renew our minds, day by day, and enables our new life in Christ to grow and mature. Jesus prayed to the Father just before His crucifixion: "Sanctify them by the truth, Your Word is truth."

It is being immersed in the Word of truth that causes our lives to be gradually transformed, by the Spirit of truth, as our minds are being renewed in Him.

My Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I ask that in the power of Your Spirit You would cleanse and renew the spirit of my mind in Christ, as I immerse my heart in Your Word of truth. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.

Source: dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com

KEY VERSE

Ephesians 4:23 (NKJV)

“and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Colossians 2:6-7; John 14:27

Establish A Growing Relationship With Jesus

1. Colossians 2:6 state “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,” How often are YOU achieving this on a weekly basis?
2. On page 1 paragraph 4 says; “It is the Word of God that renews our minds.” How many days of the week are you “renewing your mind” in the Word?

Tuesday: Psalm 19:7-11; I Peter 5:7

Read The Bible And Pray Every Day

3. Psalm 19:7-11 starts with “The law of the Lord is perfect.” How often in YOUR life have you found this verse and the ones that follow to be true?
4. I Peter 5:7 calls us to “cast all our cares upon Him.” This is very often easier said than done, Amen? Have YOU succeeded in being able to do this?

Wednesday: II Corinthians 10:5; Psalm 118:24

Control Your Thoughts

5. How do YOU “rejoice” every day in appreciation for another day of life?
6. How do YOU “demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself against the Knowledge of God” in YOUR thoughts, speech and actions?

Thursday: Luke 15:17-19; Philippians 4:8; Ephesians 5:15-16

Practice Positive Self Talk And Manage Your Time

7. What do YOU gather from the author’s words in Luke 15:17-19? Do you identify with what he is feeling? If so, what is your testimony?
8. How often do you actually *meditate* on the “things” in Philippians 4:8?
9. How do we practice walking “circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time”? What does that *look like* in our daily walk?

Friday: Hebrews 10:23-25

Start Your Week With Church Attendance

10. Hebrews 10:23 says to “hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” Has this been true for YOU?
11. What is YOUR specific practice to “stir up love and good works” ? How do you set this example within (and outside) the church?
12. Hebrews 10:25 says that we should “not forsake the assembling of ourselves together.” How does this “command” impact your faith?