



Child of God, What's Your Attitude?

“to be made new in the attitude of your minds;”

Ephesians 4:23 NIV

Paul is writing a letter to the church in Ephesus. He is sending encouragement for believers there to live in unity under control of the Holy Spirit. Paul pointed out that when they became Christians, they laid aside their former lives and became new persons in Christ. Things had changed! The believers each had a new “self” created in righteousness, holiness, and the truth. They had received a change of heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

The words in chapter four, verse twenty-three are talking specifically about the attitude of their minds. It is as true for today's Christians as when this letter was first written. Our mind controls our thinking. Our thoughts are acted out in the way we do things. If we are to be like Christ, we must have a new way of thinking. Old ways have passed away and new things have come. Has your attitude changed since you became a child of God? The Word reveals the mind of Christ. What is your spirit of mind? It should be the same as Christ Jesus.

Do you know someone who wakes up crabby? They get up with a bad attitude and can give it to those with whom they come in contact. It is not pleasant to be around someone like that. We may not all like to rise early, but we can rise in a better frame of mind. It's all about attitude. And it starts when you open your mouth! Do people hear the voice of love when you speak? Do you have a negative or hostile state of mind? One is the voice of a new life in Christ and the other is the old creature we used to be. Renew your mind in the Lord! Surprise someone; it might be you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to be the child after your own heart. You have taught us in Your Word how you would like for us to behave. Let the Spirit of Christ dwell in our hearts and our minds. We thank You for love, mercy, grace and forgiveness. Amen

Thoughts from His servant, Bettye