

# Think, Act, And Speak (The Language Of) Faith

## If Anyone Be In Christ He/She Is A New Creation

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Listen to this verse:

2Co 5:17 **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creation***; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

As a New Creation then we are to live as someone who **is new!** We are to think, act, and speak as a new creation in Christ. If we continue to live as mere men, in the flesh, think, act, and speak as we have always done, as natural human beings, fallen in this world, **we are denying the truth**. If we don't know the difference between thinking, acting, and speaking in a worldly way verses a godly way we are missing God. Our natural way of being is sinful, selfish, and dependent upon the world and its ways. If we've been born again and haven't made a change in these things we are **in essence living a life that is calling God a liar**. We are still living to the old ways and not obeying, embracing, and living in the new creation. How does this play out?

If we are continuing to ***think naturally*** about life, depending upon information, wisdom, and understanding from the world, we are **denying the word of God and its rightful place in our lives**.

If we are continuing to ***act naturally*** about our life, do what others do, pursue what others pursue, worry, be anxious, strive and stress in life like everyone else, **we are denying the truth of God's work and grace on our behalf**.

2Pe 2:2 **And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed**.

If we continue to *speak from the flesh*, our natural mind, say what others say, repeat the mantras of the world, joke, laugh, just say what we feel, think, or reason according to the world, **we are denying the new man within us**, the presence of the kingdom within us, and in **essence blaspheming God**—the one we claim to love and serve.

Ga 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, **but a new creation**.

Have all things become new if we still think, act, and speak from the “Old Man?” If we are still walking in this world according to good works, the law, the natural man, according to the flesh this avails nothing in God’s kingdom. Listen to this verse:

Eph. 4:22 “...**that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (AV version)

**We are to understand then that everything is about the new man!**

1Jo 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: **that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world**.

In this world, now, in this life, **as He is, so are we!** This is not about tomorrow, or when we get to heaven. **The day of judgment is now**, in this fallen world, it is here where we are reaping what we sow. **The day of judgment is the day of trial, testing, and tribulations that come because of the world’s condition.**

Joh 16:33 “These things I have spoken to you, **that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have**

**tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.**"

This is the day of judgment (this fallen world) or tribulation but be of good cheer why, because **He has overcome the world. The world is testing, trying; bringing tribulation, in order to stop our faith...the day of judgment is today as this fallen world flies in the face of God's truth.**

1Jo 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have **overcome them**, because **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**

1Jo 5:4 For whatever is born of God **overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.**

Our faith overcomes the world **but first we must overcome our own worldliness within our hearts.** We can't be hypocrites trying to believe God and walk in faith to overcome our circumstances and tribulations while within our own hearts we remain worldly.

**What we think, act, and speak must be in line in our own life long before we'll see the glory of God around us or change our outward situations.**

We need to change according to the Will of God:

Ro 12:2 **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

2Co 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

**What does this actually translate to mean in our lives now? It means we must stop being carnal, flesh thinking, natural man acting, and worldly speaking!** We must stop disobeying

God with our thoughts, our actions, and our speaking! **We are a new creation but that new creation will be powerless within us lying dormant because we do not access it, put it to work, abide in it, and work the works of Christ...**

1Jo 3:7 Little children, **let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.**

Let me spell it out simply for us:

We must think godly and stop thinking worldly;

We must act like Jesus and stop acting like mere men;

We must speak “faith” and stop speaking “flesh.”

The new creation in you, which is just like Jesus in nature, faith, character, spirit, love, peace, joy, through the presence of the Holy Spirit **thinks godly, acts godly, and speaks faith IF we will obey.** Why is this so because the mystery of the gospel is Christ in us! This is **the very life of Christ living through us, the Sons of God being revealed in this world so that the will of God is done on the earth through us.** This is the gospel:

Our minds are to be transformed by renewing our thoughts in agreement with God’s Word.

Our actions are to be obedient in agreement with God’s word and moving of the Holy Spirit.

Our words are to be as the very words of God spoken (1Pe 4:11 “If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God...”). **It is as if Jesus was speaking right through us...and in fact, He is IF we obey.**

Whenever we play a game whether it be baseball, football, monopoly, tag, hide and seek etc...for us to enjoy it, become good at it, **we must think the game.** If we are thinking football while playing baseball we won’t do very well. If we are thinking tag while playing hide and seek we won’t enjoy it very much.

Whenever we say one thing and do another we are acting in disagreement with our words. There is a saying, “*What you do speaks so loud I can’t hear what you say.*” Our actions can speak louder than words. How many times have we had people promise to do one thing and they do another? How many times have people promised and now we just don’t believe them anymore?

If we claim to know Christ, understand that we are a new creation, but we do not speak **faith as a language**, we are denying God’s truth, power, and life in us.

**The thoughts, actions, and language of faith is so different from the thoughts, actions, and language of this world, the flesh, and the natural man, that God put it like this:**

Isa 55:8 “**For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,**” says the LORD.

Isa 55:9 “**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.**

When we continue to think, act, and speak like the world this is what God thinks about that:

Pr 26:11 **As a dog returns to his own yomit, So a fool repeats his folly.**

Pr 25:26 **A righteous man who falters before the wicked Is like a murky spring and a polluted well.**

## **Learn The New Language Of Faith!**

**It is like learning a new language when we learn to speak faith.** We’ve grown up speaking fear, doubt, and unbelief, which is the language of the world; but now, we’ve been redeemed, made a new creation, and our language **IS TO REFLECT THAT!**

Mt 12:37 “**For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.**”

God gave us thoughts, the ability to act and speak why? **He gave us these gifts so that we could exercise dominion in our lives and in the world around us;** However, if we fail to change our thoughts, actions, and words that we speak, we are still acting like mere men.

**We must apply ourselves to think, act, and speak faith which is the language of God.** Like learning a new language it can take time, be a struggle, find it hard to change old habits, and if we are *not* motivated to learn a new language we will fail.

**What does it matter?** Why should we care to learn a new language? Why can't I just do what comes natural to me? I don't want to change, it's too hard to change, and I don't want to think differently, act differently, or speak differently. I don't want to guard what I say, I don't want to keep a watch over my thoughts, and the whole idea just wears me out.

**Then, forget faith.** Then forget trying to please God. Then forget having the blessing of God's grace and being fruitful or profitable to God's kingdom. Remain in the vague Christian experience of the majority. **Then understand that Satan, who Christ defeated and placed you and me over, will rule and reign over us!**

Php 3:12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; **I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.**

Php 3:14 **I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

If we do not change it is because we do not love God, fear Him, or respect His Savior.

1Jo 5:3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.**

1Jo 2:4 **He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

We are to reverence and fear the Lord and in so doing CHANGE to please Him!

Ps 55:19 ...**Because they do not change, Therefore they do not fear God.**

**But more than just fearing God, missing God, or not pleasing God is at stake here... When we do not change our language and speak faith we are missing out of faith's benefit in receiving the power of God's grace.** We will be a new creation in this world and all that means, with the power of the Holy Spirit, the availability of Jesus' name and authority, having been given all things that pertain to life and godliness **and it will do us no good!**

We will have the divine nature in our spirit but still be living according to the fallen nature of sin. When we stand before God's throne and the veil of sin is removed and see clearly **that God had put His own life within us**, made the power of heaven available to us and we didn't use it...**that is going to cause a great deal of pain.** We will grieve, wail, and groan severely, because we didn't want to change our thinking, our actions or our speaking to overcome our flesh nature. God in His great mercy, love, and compassion will wipe away every tear...but there will be a day of reckoning...

Faith is activated by our words: Faith is Voice activated!

Mark 11:22-24

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "**Have faith in God.**

23 "For assuredly, I say to you, **whoever says** to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, **but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.**

24 “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.”

Romans 10:8-10

8 But what does it say? "**The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart**" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

9 **that if you confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 **For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

**Speak the new language of faith!** We must stop saying those things that are condemning us and speak those things that will justify us in Christ Jesus.

Many of us are not getting this at all... **we are continuing** to think, act, and speak fallen sinfulness, the language of the world. We keep watching it (the world), meditating upon it, seeing it in our imaginations what the world says... when we are a new creation born of the Holy Spirit and our new thoughts, new actions, and new speaking is far above those of this world...

We are sons and daughters of the highest speaking like we are not...

We are sons and daughters of the highest acting like we are not...

We are sons and daughters of the highest thinking like we are not...

**Stop.** It would be better to stop thinking, stop acting, and stop speaking than to continue to think, act, and speak in ways that actually calls God a liar and blasphemies the Holy Spirit within us.

We are so programmed and trained to think worldly, read worldly, watch worldly many of us don't have a clue that we still thinking worldly, acting and speaking worldly...

*For example:* When you heard about Ted's cancer what did you think? When you heard how did you act? When you heard what did you say about it?

**Here's something we must understand about the power of being a human being...** we have been given the power of life and death, blessing and cursing, and we are to choose life, and blessing in Christ...that is accomplished by bringing every thought captive into obedience in Christ Jesus...

2Co 10:5 **casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,**

Our thoughts become meditations, our meditations attach meaning, and our meaning attaches feelings, **all of which become plants, weeds, and strongholds in our heart.**

Pr 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

For out of heart the mouth speaks...

Mt 12:34 ...**For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.**

**For the thoughts we think, turn into words we speak and influence the actions we take...**

Pr 18:21 **Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue,**  
And those who love it will eat its fruit.

**What is at stake?** We will remain powerless, unfulfilled, weak, unstable, blind, dumb, unable to see, hear, or grasp or remember spiritual things **because we are violating God's will for our lives by continuing to think, act, and speak worldly.**

**What we think, act, and say determines our heart's direction, the power of our faith, and whether or not we will fulfill God's dream for us to be like Christ in this world.** We

**have been called to fulfill the great commission** which is heal the sick, preach the gospel, cast out demons, heal the blind, open deaf ears, raise the dead, having power over every kind of sickness and disease, mental anguish or sickness, taking authority over all the power of the enemy...but this will remain dormant within us if we refuse to think God's thoughts, act in God's ways, and speak God's words.

Mt 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

Lu 10:19 "**Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

Mt 10:8 "**Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.**

Lu 9:2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to **heal the sick**.

Lu 10:9 "And **heal the sick** there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

What we have done for the most part is use our power, the power of our thoughts, actions, and words **to say what we have, what we are experiencing, and how we feel**; rather than, using our thoughts, actions, and words **to say what we have in Christ, to declare God's will done over and against what is, and to walk in God's powerful grace already given.**

**The Problem: We are saying what we have instead of having what we say!**

*Consider this:* If we remain powerless in regards to God's promises and God's will to work the same works as Christ (John 14:12) **it is to our shame and reproach.** May God help us realize

**what Christ has done in and for us** and act upon it for God's glory. It will require our whole heart, our brokenness before Him, **learning a new language** and committing to the spiritual war at hand. **In essence, forget the world, the things of the world and seek first God's kingdom!**

**1Jo 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

**Mt 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**