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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 St. John 1:1

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



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Think On These Things

Thinking helps one to wed solid intellect to stable emotion. By intellect is meant understanding - mentality - brainstuff - gray-matter - rationality - conjecturing - faculties - capacity - encephalon - inner recesses of the mind -

precipitant - precipitancy - perception - apperception - conception - judgement - wisdom and intuition.

All these can be concluded in one word - THINK. Great is the power to reason. Thought should proceed every action. In this vast field of Christianity, we are encouraged to think to the whole of mankind.

By emotion, is meant feeling - passion - affection - sentiment - impression - experience - inspiration - nature - heart - soul - sympathy - susceptibility - sensitivity - warmth - fire - heat - cordiality - lively - quick - smart - strong - sharp - pungent - incisive - zealous - enthusiastic.

All who feel are not Christian; but all Christians feel deeply. The fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, JOY, PEACE,

GOODNESS, GENTLENESS, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, FAITHFULNESS AND SELF CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH FEELINGS, THERE IS NO LAW. GALATIANS 5:22-24. All of these human abilities are activated by thinking. Thinking invites all to a lifelong rendezvous with realities. It invites fallen, iniquitous, ungodly men to come home to God, who is everybody's God, but desires to be everybody's Father.

Godly thinking will call a halt to modern man's flight from spiritual reality - to engage in the life-giving enterprise of enlightenment.

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"THE STRANGER WHO CAME TO VISIT AND STAYED FOREVER"

MY TESTIMONY

by Hazel McClure

As I sit here in this place, this place of darkness and despair, loneliness engulfs me, hopelessness surrounds me. My enemies who imprison me here are: fear, turmoil, sorrow and guilt, fed by a lack of confidence, selfishness and untruths. My soul is dark and dying. Even as the sun shines bright with it's warm glows, I am in darkness and I am cold.

I can hear a knock on the door, but I do not answer. I do not want to be disturbed from this place where pity is. Nevertheless, the knock continues, as my weary soul cries out for mercy.

Louder and louder my soul cries, louder and louder is the knock. Who is it? Who can it be? For there is not one who cares enough to visit me. There is no one who wants to save me from this place or free my soul from here. I cannot save myself, for it is dark and I know not the way.

The hand upon the door continues to knock, louder and louder, as the cries of my dying soul

increase.

I started towards the door with all the strength that is within me, wanting relief from the weariness of my soul. Each step heavy with all the enemies that accompanied me, closer and closer to the door I came; stronger was my strength.

I opened the door slowly, feeling hope, and there He stood, the Stranger. I invited Him in. We talked. And as I began to present Him to my enemies one by one, one by one they began to disappear, and were replaced with friends.

Fear was replaced with courage, turmoil with peace, sorrow with comfort, guilt with forgiveness-fed by love for myself and others, accompanied by Gods Holy truth. Now joy engulfs me, hope surrounds me-for my soul is at rest.

As I sit here in this place, this beautiful place filled with light, the Stranger is no longer a stranger, but a Savior. He abides with me and I with Him forevermore.

THANK YOU JESUS!

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20

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