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**What is God really like? – Part 4**

*(God wants you to think like Him)*

**Ephesians 5:1** *Therefore be* ***imitators of God*** *as dear children.*

* **Imitate** God (thoughts / word / deeds)?
* To play our part in bringing **heaven’s resources** to meet earth’s need.

**Example of Jesus:**

* Jesus cooperated with the **HS & the Word** to **grow** to where He needed to **go**

**Luke 2:46**

Then Jesus went out to fulfill prophecy about Himself:

**Luke 3:34**

It’s a lot to do with thoughts: some must come down, others come up.

* He confronted current thought (religious & regular) with God’s ways of thinking.

**To think like God:**

(2 things we need to know)

**1. There is an interplay between spirit soul & body: 1 Thess 5:23**

(It’s all ‘Greek’ to me)

**Spirit:** ‘Pneuma’ (πνεῦμα, ατος, τό) - Spirit: ‘inner most essence of our being’.

**Soul:** ‘Psuche’ (ψυχή, ῆς, ἡ) - Soul: ‘mind, intellect & will.

-This needs to be renewed to think like God: see things His way.

**Body:** Soma (σῶμα, ατος, τό) – flesh, the physical body.

-The ‘temple’ or place where we reside & interact with the physical world.

**Repentance:** ‘Metanoia’ (μετάνοια, ας, ἡ) – ‘change of mind’ after the truth

* Understand that **God has recreated** our spirit man, **our responsibility** is to cooperate with Him in the renewing of our minds / way of thinking. **Romans 12:1-2**
* Our well-being (prosperity) in all things is impacted. **3 John 2**

**2. There is a fight on for our souls: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

* The **‘flesh’**: that part of us which tries to solve problems apart from God’s ways.
* **Strongholds**: **‘**mindsets opposed to God’s truth (higher ways’)
* Bring **thoughts** (not demons, principalities…) into captivity by:

Knowing, believing & **speaking truth** to replace lies.

**2 Cor 4:13 / Ephesians 6:16 -17**

**Final Take Away**

* God to reveal by His Spirit to our minds what He is really like:

**Ephesians 1:17-18**

**Notes**

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