Silver Creek Fellowship Notes

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LIVING IN THE COMBAT ZONE

THE BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND

I. Be transformed

A. The Bible teaches that we have great treasure in our inner man

Colossians 2:9-10, 1:27

1. We are complete in Christ and Christ is completely in us
2. In short the nature, ability and resources of Christ
3. Our challenge is to bring them from the inside out into manifestation
4. This process is called transformation

B. Romans 12:2

1. Transformation - Metamorphosis
2. The process a caterpillar goes through in becoming a butterfly
3. The condition of our minds is pivotal in this process
   a. An unrenewed mind will hinder the process
   b. A renewed will release the image of Jesus
   b. Because of this reality our minds are a battlefield

II. The battlefield of the mind – 2 Corinthians 10:1-5

A. Verses 1-2 - Meekness and gentleness of Christ

1. Meekness – the mind set - Gentleness – the actions
2. Humble heartedness and selflessness
3. Of Christ – The source and the example

B. Verse 3 - Walk in, war according to

1. Walk **IN** the flesh – live a normal natural life
2. Don't war **ACCORDING** to the flesh
   a. Moved by the dictates of the old man
   b. Using natural means
   c. With natural objects as the target of our warfare - Ephesians 6:12

C. Verse 4-5 – Weapons of our warfare

1. Not carnal – limited to the capacity of natural things
2. Mighty in God
    a. Charged with God's power
    b. Operate in the realm of God – meekness and gentleness of Christ
3. The weapons
    a. Name of Jesus, Praise and worship, Blood of Jesus
    b. Word of God – Luke 4:4, Ephesians 6:17
4. Pulling down strongholds
    a. Violent as in tearing down buildings – to demolish
    b. Fortified castles
    c. Can dominate a person's life
    d. Almost impossible to deal with these in your own life
5. Casting down arguments
    a. Same violent process as above
    b. Reasonings and imaginations or fantasies
6. Exalt themselves against the knowledge of God
    a. Indicates volition involved
    b. Aimed against a specific target – the knowledge of God
7. Our response - Take every thought captive
    a. You are responsible your thought life
    b. Examine thoughts by God's word
    c. If they don't line up forbid them access
    d. Use a weapon to resist and repel them

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