Spiritual Nature

• When we accept the Spirit of God into our lives, we welcome His mind altering DNA into our being. Since our minds function by chemical reactions, then the spiritual must become chemical in order for us to be changed. *1 Cor. 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

• These chemical responses go against the sin nature or natural thought processes that we are used to. *Psa. 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Drama and trauma that has occurred in our lives has shaped us in sin, but the acceptance of God's Spirit reshapes us and renews us.*

• Being saved is not just speaking a formula, but it is actually allowing God's Spirit to remake us so we no longer think or act on our sin nature but rather we are moved and motivated by the Spirit of God that dwells in our DNA and changes our behavior. *Heb. 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

Power of the Spirit

• The Spirit of God gives us power when we need it as well. God gives us a supernatural spiritual boost when we need to overcome the limitations of the flesh. When we need to pray for things we don't know, when we need to pray for healing, cast out devils, etc. or when we need to proclaim the Gospel, we can depend on the Spirit of God to act on our behalf. *1 Cor. 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

• The power of God does the work through us and we simply yield ourselves to Him just like the disciples did. If we want to know how the Spirit of God works, all we have to do is watch what Jesus did while he was here on earth.

• He was the example of the comforter embodied in the flesh so that we could see how to operate spiritually against the attacks of the enemy. *Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

The Comforter

• Jesus said he would send the comforter to lead and guide us just as he led the disciples. *John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:* When they had doubt, fear, or even fell back into their fleshly desires, Jesus was always there to straighten them out and point them in the direction they should go. *John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

• This is what the true power of God is here for. To operate on our behalf and keep us on the right path. We are still flesh beings but if we submit to His power, we can overcome all the wiles of the devil and have victory in the flesh. *Acts 7:51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.*

• The Holy Spirit comes into us when we are obedient to Him and we become true disciples of Jesus once He enters. *Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy.*
Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. When we are filled with His Spirit, we lose our will and are chemically altered to make decisions and live our lives based on His guidance and not our carnal issues and desires.

Summary - Having a renewed mind simply means that our chemical responses are in line with what the Spirit of God is leading us to do. We know we are His because His Spirit is leading us and we are not leading ourselves. This is the fundamental foundation of being born again. Unless we possess God's Spirit and are acting on it to fulfill His plan for us, then we do not belong to Him. If our minds have been renewed then our actions must be renewed. And though we are not perfect, we strive for it. Though we may fall, we do not practice sin. Though we may make mistakes, we learn and grow from them. And though we may be in the world, we are not of it. Our actions and thoughts are no longer based on society, the world, or the flesh, but we live, move, and have our being based on the plan of God and the leading of His Spirit that dwells within. If our minds haven't changed, then our chemicals haven't changed. If our chemicals or DNA hasn't changed, then we haven't been changed.

Rom. 8:14-16 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: