

Someone who is living without the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. This is the unsaved person. Titus 3:4-6  
When a person is immersed into Christ, he is cleansed of sin and made new and the Holy Spirit becomes director of their life.  
So without this influence, how does the sinner think?

### **Three ways the unregenerate mind thinks.**

1. **They think of self fulfilling desires.** 1 John 2:15-16  
He grows up seeing things, hearing things, doing things, and speaking things that are not right.  
He sees fulfilling the lust of the flesh as okay  
He sees lusting over what others have as okay  
He sees chasing the world acknowledgement as okay  
These things seem natural to them. The conscience may not bother them very much, if at all, as they come to maturity.  
Paul describes the mind without the law.  
Romans 7:7
2. **Their mind is perverse.** Ephesians 4:17-19
3. **Their mental wisdom is of the world.** James 3:14-16  
Because Christians don't think like this they think it is strange how we live. 1 Peter 4:3-5

### **The sinner is reached by the truth.**

1 Timothy 2:3-4

The truth sets men free from being in bondage to the flesh.

John 8:31-32

### **III. How does the backslider think?**

1. They quit trusting in the Lord  
Proverbs 3:5-7, Proverbs 14:12  
They take their lives into their own hands.
2. They refuse to keep God in their minds.  
Romans 1:28-32  
They see God as an hindrance to what they want to do in life.  
He is annoying.  
He is a kill joy.  
They determine that they are not going to let God's will be a part of their life.  
They may not verbally say this, but their actions shout it.  
Because of this they end up with an unrepentant mind.
3. They have an unrepentant mind.  
Hebrews 6:4-6  
They sin with no remorse.  
God's word no longer moves them.  
The sermons no longer affect them.  
Their minds are cold to the things of God.  
They see others as needing to change but not them.

### **Final thoughts:**

The things of God must dominate our thinking.

The truth can reach a sinners mind

See God in your daily living it will help you stay focused on Him.