

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

The Responsibility to Think

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One of the noblest features of our being made in God's likeness is the capacity to think - especially to think with understanding (Psalm 32:8-9). Animals behave by instinct and conditioning: human beings act as a result of intelligent choice (or at least we're supposed to!).

What people think is important. If we want to understand another person, we have to know their mind. If there is agreement between people, it is a meeting of minds. If we are able to persuade people one way or the other, it is because we have influenced their thinking.

One of the great challenges of today is to get people to think about Christ and Christianity. Too many have simply not thought about it at all. Others have accepted traditions without thinking about them. Still others count how they feel instead of what they think. But Christianity is worth thinking about; it is not a set of traditions, it is not a feeling or a leap of faith. It is a way in which we are called to think - about ourselves, our sin, our Saviour, and His salvation.

"Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord" (Isaiah 1:18). Paul "reasoned with them from the Scriptures..." (Acts 17:2-3). Not everyone was convinced; not everyone will be today. But at the very least, we must present and live the message in such a way that people must think about it. "Knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men", (2 Corinthians 5:11) -we urge them to think about Christ.

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