

Introduction

- I. God's Word is asking us about our thoughts.
- II. What Paul says here is related to what he has already said.

Think on These Things

- I. *The Command* – think on these things.
 - A. What must we think about? The text identifies with six words the things we must think about:
 - 1. True:
 - 2. Honest:
 - 3. Just:
 - 4. Pure:
 - 5. Lovely:
 - 6. Good report:
 - 7. These things are virtuous and praiseworthy says the text.
 - B. The text commands us to think on these things. What does this mean?

II. *The Influences*

- A. Input – Part of the command of the text is that we must feed our minds with what is true, etc. We will only think on these things, if we are filling our minds with these things. What are we filling our minds with?
 - 1. Satan and the world are attempting to fill our minds and the minds of our children with the things that are false, unrighteous, and impure.
 - 2. Our input must be the Word of God (this is the idea of the beginning of vs. 9).
- B. The result of such input and thinking on what is true is an output of doing good works (vs. 9).

III. *The Result*

- A. If we are not thinking on what is pure, there will not be the experience of peace.
- B. But in the way of thinking on what is true and lovely and doing it, there is the experience of peace with God. This is the most wonderful gift there is in all the world.