

# THE MIND OF CHRIST

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*"For who hath known the mind of the Lord,  
that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of  
Christ"*

*[1Corinthians 2:16].*

This powerful question and statement was made by the Apostle Paul who boldly acknowledged that he possessed the mind of Christ. Is it then possible for Christians today to have the mind of the Lord: to know His will, intent and purpose for our lives? If this is possible, then how do we achieve it?

When one looks at the different teachings within modern Christianity we must conclude many have accepted teachings that are no doubt contrary to the Word of God. Obviously, everyone cannot be right! There is only One Truth!

This has resulted in different philosophies as to the intent of God in our lives. This has also prevented us from achieving what God purposed for us. Therefore, since our thought patterns have been perverted, our minds must be changed. You may not realize it, but God has given us the ability to do just that! You can and must change your mindset toward God! We need the mind of Christ.

The Apostle Paul gives us clear instructions how to renew our thoughts: *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" [Romans 12:1].*

Paul's phrase, "By the mercies of God" means to exercise pity; to have compassion on. Paul is pleading with God's people to do something!

The people of God are to present or yield their physical bodies to God as a living sacrifice. He asserts their bodies are to be holy. The word holy is defined as blameless; pure and consecrated. Paul says this is acceptable to God and is a reasonable service to Him! God is not asking us to do anything that is unreasonable! This is what He expects of all His people.

In the next verse he tells us what we should do after we have presented our bodies to God: *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" [Romans 12:2].*

We are not to be conformed; to fashion, or pattern our lives like the world. And then, we can literally transform ourselves by changing the way we think! The definition of the word transform is: metamorphosis; transfigure; change. Paul is saying we can actually revolutionize ourselves by the way we think! To renew our minds is to renovate or change our understanding! The definition of the

word mind in this passage is: intellect; thought; understanding.

I believe these two verses are the most powerful verses in the whole Bible. The reason is they reveal the power God has given to mankind and that is the power of choice. God is not making you offer up your body. God is not transforming you nor is He renewing your thinking! It's up to you! The information revealed in these two verses is vital to our growth in God! You must change your mind!

*"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God" [Philippians 2:5-6].*

The word let means to allow. You must allow His mind to be in you! Remember he is speaking of how you think, how you process the information contained in the Word of God.

I know this next statement will be a stumbling block for some of you but it is Truth and I must say it . . . *"The church is literally the body of Christ"*! Not an allegory! Not as a picture, type or a shadow of something. But in fact, we are God's body in the earth today!

Now wait! Here me out! *"Let this mind be in you!"* Let the same mind be in you that was in Him! That is the mind of God! You must know how Jesus thought; what He thought of Himself. Look at the scripture with a spiritual eye!

*"Who, (speaking of Jesus) being in the form of God, thought (His understanding) it not robbery to be equal with God."* Now, children of God, the church is clearly predestined to be in the image of Christ, who is the image of God! (See Romans 8:29; Colossians 1:15).

When will this happen? Apostle John said, *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God . . ."* (See 1John 3:2). Apostle Paul said the following, *"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones" [Ephesians 5:30]. "But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit" [1Corinthians 6:17].*

Can you separate ONE? If we are His flesh and His bones as the Scriptures teach, are we not the visible part of the now invisible Christ, just as Jesus was the visible manifestation of the invisible God the Father? Remember Jesus prayed concerning His people? *"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one" [John 17:21-22]. ". . . That we all may be ONE."* One with the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost! I hope you see what Jesus has really done for us all!

Jesus told His disciples, *"When you have seen me, you have seen the Father."* I believe God will have a people that can truthfully say, "When you have seen me, you have seen the Christ!" Bold, you say! Perhaps, but children of God, it is all so true! The mystery of the revelation of Christ in you is we

have been re-created in God's image. We are born again! Jesus has restored us to the image and likeness of God!

*"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God [St. John 1:12-13]."*

Born again! Spiritually re-born of the will of God! John said, *"Now are we the sons of God"*. I'm talking about reality here! I know some of you may have joined a church, but you can't join the body of Christ! I'm not promoting a membership drive! "YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN!" To be born again, is to be born of God and you can truly call God, *your Father*.

Let's look again at that scripture in Philippians where Paul writes about the mind of Christ: *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" [Philippians 2:5-8].*

Jesus emptied Himself of His Deity and became a servant, a slave; a man that humbled Himself and was obedient to the horrible death of the cross. This is the mind we should also have. Even though we are now sons of God, we must humble ourselves as

He did, and submit ourselves to the fiery trials of this present life. The Lord revealed to me some time back that if I were to ever do anything for Him, that I was to become nothing, and then He would make something out of me. If I humbled myself, He would exalt me. I believe His Word is true and He will perform that which He has promised.

He recently told me that I was to suffer the wrong (take the blame) in every personal situation when confronted by others, no matter if I was right. That I was to never revile back or render evil for evil. I was not to reply to accusations or insults. He said if I would take the blame even though being right, He would be well pleased with me! Above all things, I want the Lord to be pleased with me.

Vengeance belongs to the Lord, not us. If you would obey the Scriptures and render good for evil, the Lord Himself would fight your battles for you. I know He fights mine! I am convinced when someone decides to become my enemy; he or she also becomes God's enemy! Let's walk as He walked, talk as He talked, and we will not be ashamed in judgement!

Not only has God the Father exalted Jesus, but also His church; for we are now the light of the world in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation.

*"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should*

*confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" [Philippians 2:9-15]*

The scripture is again plain. The name of Jesus is truly above every name. Every knee will bow in heaven, in earth, and under the earth to His Holy Name. It is the only name given whereby men can be saved!

The scripture also tells us that we can be blameless and harmless in this evil world. We are overcomers through the Blood of Jesus! Look at that last verse; we are lights in the world.

Jesus said, *"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" [St. John 9:5]*. Jesus is the Light of the world, but now He has given us this charge; we are now the lights of the world! Here is His charge: *"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid" [Matthew 5:14]*. Glory to God, we are truly His city, the New Jerusalem, the lights of the world!

Our supernatural objective is to light the path of every man that comes into the world with the

marvelous gospel of the kingdom of God; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory!

*"For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones" Ephesians 5:29-30.*

Look at that! We are His flesh and His bones, His body! The Lord nourishes and cherishes us. We are His treasure! He is Spirit and we are His flesh, the visible expression of the Living Christ! Children of God, this message should awaken you to holiness and godly fear; realizing you are the earthly extension of Jesus Christ! *"As He is, so are we in this world!"* (See 1John 4:17).

Paul desired for Jesus to be revealed in his mortal body! We should desire the same. He is very clear about this in several passages. This was Paul's call: *"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood" [Galatians 1:15-16].* And again, we find these precious words from the Apostle: *"Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh" [2Corinthians 4:10-11].* The definition of the word manifest is: to appear; to show forth.

Let me stir up your pure minds to remember what the Word has declared in other places concerning the church of Jesus . . . . "We are the temple of God . . . . We are the body of Christ . . . . Jesus Christ is not way up in Heaven, He is in you; this is our hope of glory . . . . Right now, we are the sons of God . . . . We are one spirit with the Lord. We are partakers of His Divine Nature . . . . "

Can you see it! Again these words are not just allegories! These are facts! We have actually been made partakers of His Divinity! We really are sons of God, heirs of God and equal heirs with Jesus Christ. Jesus has made all this possible through His obedience. He partook of flesh that we might partake of Divinity! Oh, how I hope that you will believe the Word; that He might not be ashamed to call you brother (See Hebrews 2:11).

*"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church" [Ephesians 5:31-32].*

Let me expound just a moment on this GREAT MYSTERY the Apostle Paul is speaking of. It seems as if Paul suddenly begins to talk about marriage, and spiritually speaking he is. This great man of God hid many mysteries within his epistles to God's people. People have stumbled over Paul's writings for ages. But here, he is plain. He was not talking about an earthly relationship between a man and a woman; but rather he was speaking about a spiritual union between Christ and His church.

The Bible reveals the Lamb of God has a wife! In Matthew chapter twenty-five Jesus compared the Kingdom of God as ten sleeping virgins.

While sleeping, a cry came at midnight, *"Behold the Bridegroom cometh."* Jesus is speaking of the church in the last days. All sleeping! No stir! But suddenly, the breaking of revival begins to stir the church typed clearly as virgins. They all heard the Voice at midnight and begin to trim their lamps. Sadly half of them realized they no longer had oil in their vessels. They could not bring forth the fire of the Holy Ghost. But the other half had somehow survived the slumbering of a lukewarm church! They trimmed their lamps and the fire of the Holy Ghost once again began to burn brightly in the world. We are the lights of the world! These entered into the Bridegroom's chamber! This speaks of the spiritual union that is yet before us. This is the marriage supper of the Lamb.

We read in the book of Revelation about a woman that is clearly the bride of Christ! This time we find her in Revelation chapter 12. She is in travail about to deliver a man child! I say to you all The bride of Christ will re-produce Christs seed!

God will re-produce Himself through the Bride of Christ! This re-produced seed of God will be in the exact image of Christ and will receive awesome unlimited power with God. They will receive Throne Power and will rule the world with Jesus Christ as the Head; King of kings and Lord of lords! *"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth"* [Revelation 5:10]. This is

the destiny of the Born Again! We are born to rule and to reign with Christ!

*"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" [Revelation 3:21].*

*"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son" [Revelation 21:7].*

The overcoming sons of God will inherit everything! They will be honored to sit with Jesus in His Throne which is the Throne of God! In the Throne where All Power emanates! Ruling and reigning with God! We are equal heirs with Jesus! This is what God has prepared for them that love Him! This is what has not entered into the heart of man, but is revealed by the Spirit!

You can have this world! You can have your pleasure of sin for a season! You can have your money! I am going to wait on Jesus! He is bringing my reward with Him! Glory to His Holy Name! I am a son of the King! He has chosen us to rule with Him! We are predestinated! We cannot fail! We are the ordained! We are God's elect! Praise God!

*"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: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs*

*with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together” [Romans 8:14-17].*

There it is! We will be glorified together with Jesus! God is our Father! Oh, how we desperately need to establish this “Father - Son relationship” with our Heavenly Father. The Apostle Paul stated his heartfelt desire in his epistle to the Philippians, *“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death” [Philippians 3:10]*. His prayer has impacted my life for over forty years! I hope it impacts you as well.

Remember now, the Word is plain, “If we suffer with Him, we shall also be glorified and reign with Him”. (See Romans 8:17; 2Timothy 2:12).

Don't you know that the sufferings of this present time cannot be compared with the Glory that will be revealed in us! Thank you Jesus! Although Jesus was God manifested in the flesh; He humbled Himself and became a servant. He suffered the reproach of evil men, and at the end, a horrible death that you and I might have this glorious liberty in God; having become the sons of the Living God because of His sacrifice.

*“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a*

*son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ" [Galatians 4:4-7].*

Abba, is an affection term for a father. Today, we would say, Daddy or Papa! The Spirit of Jesus has become one with our spirit and we cry Abba, Father by His Holy Spirit that lives in us. We are not servants! No sir! We are sons! We are heirs to the Throne of God!

A servant doesn't know his Masters plans! But his sons do! The heirs are called aside and told the plans of the King! His mysteries are our mysteries! His knowledge, our knowledge. Glory to God, this is why we have an unction with the Father and know all things; because we are sons, not servants! God speaks by revelation to his sons and not to the world. The carnal mind cries, Heresy; Blasphemy; Sensationalism; Emotionalism"! But the Bride of Christ cries, "Alleluia"!

Our Lord Jesus has prayed for us to become one with Him and the Father.

*"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me" [St. John 17:20-23].*

Someone once said, "I'll be happy when the Lord's prayer will be answered". I say, Our Lord's prayer was answered on the Day of Pentecost.

As I have stated many times: perfect oneness is God in Christ and Christ in you! Jesus has made this possible! Wake up to this revelation of who and what you are in this world. I might be in the world but thank God, I am not of this world! I am of another world, another dimension! I have been translated into the Kingdom of God! Glory to God!

We have been made to sit down in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We now sit in the Kingdom of God with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! To sit is to be at rest! I'm resting in Jesus. I have found the True Sabbath! Jesus is my Sabbath!

Heaven is extended to the earth and we are partakers of that which is Spiritual and Divine. Wake up sons of God to your heritage in the Lord! Let's get out of the hog pen and let us return to our Fathers house where He will give a feast and put a ring on our finger!

Yes, our Lord's prayer has been answered! He has given us His Glory that He had with the Father before the world was!

Let us not forget we can have the mind of Christ!

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