

The Mind of Jesus Christ

A. Embrace the mind of Christ

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" - Philippians 2:5. The Bible refers to different kinds of mindsets:

Negative mindsets such as:

- a. A reprobate mind - Romans 1:29
- b. A carnal mind - Romans 8:7
- c. A fleshly mind - Colossians 2:18
- d. A defiled mind - Titus 1:15
- e. A blinded mind - 2 Corinthians 4:4

Positive mindsets including:

- a. A sound mind - 2 Timothy 1:7
- b. A fervent mind - 2 Corinthians 7:7
- c. A humble mind - Acts 20:19
- d. A willing mind - 2 Corinthians 8:12
- e. A ready mind - 1 Peter 5:2

B. Characteristics of Jesus Christ's mind

A mindset of humility:

- a. He exemplified genuine humility - Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Peter 2:22.
- b. A humble mind is devoid of pride and arrogance.
- c. "In Him was no guile" - 1 Peter 2:22.

An obedient mindset:

- a. He abided by the law of loving obedience to His Father's will - Philippians 2:8, 5-11; John 5:19, 30.
- b. "Not my will but thy will be done" - Luke 22:42.

A sacrificial mindset:

- a. The owner of the universe's wealth became poor to enrich us - 2 Corinthians 8:9.
- b. He gave Himself as a sacrificial atonement for our sins - Isaiah 53:1-12.
- c. "For their sakes I sanctify myself" - John 17:19.
- d. "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day" - John 9:4.

A resolute mindset:

- a. "I set my face like a flint" - Isaiah 50:7.
- b. "He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem" - Luke 10:51.

A pure and sinless mindset:

- a. There was no guile in Him - 1 Peter 2:22; Hebrews 4:15; 1 John 3:5.
- b. His mindset reflected His Father's nature - Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 2:9.

C. Embrace the mind of Christ

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

The term "Let" implies:

- a. Christ's readiness to make His mindset a part of our lives - Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 3:20.
- b. We have the choice to embrace or reject the mind of Christ.
- c. "Whosoever will" - Revelation 22:17.

Paul assures believers that "we have the mind of Christ" - 2 Corinthians 2:16.

- a. Given that God respects all persons and wants believers to embody Christ's mindset, there's no reason we shouldn't declare, "We, too, have the mind of Christ."

Having the mind of Christ entails:

- a. Experiencing new birth or regeneration as the cornerstone of embodying Christ's mind - John 3:3-9.
- b. Letting God's spirit govern our lives manifests the mind of Christ - Romans 8:10-16.
- c. Letting God's word inhabit our hearts expresses Jesus Christ's mind - Colossians 3:16-18.

d. We welcome Christ into our hearts through faith - Ephesians 3:17; Galatians 4:19.

e. Paul provides the key to retaining Christ's mind:

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." - Philippians 4:8.