

## THE MIND OF CHRIST

**Text: Philippians 2:1-11** Memory Verse: 5 “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”

**Purpose of this study:** To look at the mind of Christ and thus determine what our mind should look like in application.

### I. **Sonship Mind:**

- A. Luke 2:49 “And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought Me? wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?”
- B. If you look up the word “business” also translated “house” in other interpretations, you will find in Strongs Concordance NIG, which means Not In Greek. The word does not exist in the original language. This passage could be translated, “Wist ye not that I must be about My Father?”
- C. Question: Which is better, being about someone’s business, taking care of someone’s house, or is it better to be about that someone? Wives, would you rather your husband be about you or about your business and house?
- D. Here’s the reality, when our hearts are impassioned toward an individual, we don’t have to be concerned about our commitment to their good. It is the by-product.

### II. **Single Minded:**

- A. John 12:27 “Now is My soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.”
- B. If, as stated, Christ came into the world for “this hour”, we can thus conclude that all the other hours, days, weeks, months, and years He lived on this earth were not His primary purpose.
- C. We could also call this a **Purposed Mind**, a **Missioned Mind**, a **Mind Set**, a **Steadfast Mind**, or a **Resolute Mind**.
- D. Luke 9:51 “And it came to pass, when the time was come that He should be received up, He stedfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,” KJV Translation: His face was set like flint.
- E. Luke 9:51 “As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.
- F. He was purposed, His mission was clear, He was steadfast in His commitment, and He resolutely set out to die for the sin of mankind.

### III. **Submissive Mind:**

- A. Matthew 3:13-17 “<sup>13</sup> Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. <sup>14</sup> But John forbad Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of

Thee, and comest Thou to me? <sup>15</sup> And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered Him. <sup>16</sup> And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: <sup>17</sup> And lo a Voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

B. Some things of note:

1. His Age: 30 years – This was the requirement of God’s law.
2. The silence of the first 30 years – He came not to be glorified, but that the Father would be glorified through Him and that He would accomplish His Father’s will. “Thy will be done.”
3. His example – Baptism was a picture of the cleansing of sin and repentance. Jesus was perfect, thus needing no cleansing or repentance. Christ fulfilled all righteousness to give us an example to follow His ways.
4. His Statement – “Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.”

IV. **Spiritual Mind:**

- A. Romans 8:5-8 “<sup>5</sup> For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. <sup>8</sup> So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.” (This is a perfect description of Christ.)
- B. Jesus never fought Satan, never made Himself known, never preached a sermon, never performed a miracle, never called a follower, never sought an audience, never healed a body, fed the hungry, gave water to the thirsty, and never changed a world until He was first filled with the Spirit.
- C. What does that say to us?

V. **Servant Mind:**

- A. Philippians 2:5ff “<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: <sup>7</sup> But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”
- B. Who was Jesus (Preincarnate)? God
- C. Why did He come to earth as a man? Kinsman Redeemer
- D. The King/God became a servant. What does that say to us?

VI. **Superior Mind:**

- A. Luke 2:52 “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”
- B. What can we conclude from this Scripture verse?
  - 1. Philippians 2 is the emptying passage. He emptied Himself of His Godhead qualities to become man. He didn’t start out with the God advantage. He chose the God advantage.
  - 2. What was He doing in the temple at age 12?
  - 3. What was His attitude based upon Luke 2:52?
  - 4. What was His mindset?
  - 5. How did it serve Him later when He was confronted, or when He confronted, the religious and political elite?
  - 6. How did it serve Him in His ministry?
  - 7. How did it serve Him in His friendships?
  - 8. How did it serve Him as the leader of the disciples?
  - 9. Did He always give an answer?
  - 10. Did He hesitate to answer when an answer was needed?
  - 11. Was He reluctant as a leader?
- C. What does that say to us?

VII. **Selfless Mind:**

- A. Philippians 2:4 “Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”
- B. Is there a better description of Jesus than this?
- C. What are some of the ways that you can think of that Jesus was selfless?
- D. How can you be more selfless?

VIII. **Sacrificial Mind:**

- A. Mat. 26:39 “And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou *wilt*.”
- B. Three wills:
  - 1. The Perfect will
  - 2. The Permissive will
  - 3. The Necessary will
- C. All are present in the Garden of Gethsemane.
  - 1. The Perfect Will – “Thy will be done.”

2. The Permissive Will – The reason Jesus was going to the cross. Man had used his permissive will to bring death. Christ was there to bring life eternal to the sons of Adam.
3. The Necessary Will – “If it be possible, let this cup pass from Me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt.” Jesus did what was necessary, fully understanding the ramifications of what was fixing to transpire.

D. Isaiah 53 says it best - Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? <sup>2</sup>For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. <sup>3</sup>He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth. <sup>8</sup>He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? for He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was He stricken. <sup>9</sup>And He made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. <sup>11</sup>He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

E. Jesus was the final sacrifice for sin, for ever, [Hebrews 10:14](#) “because by a single offering He has made perfect for all time those who are sanctified.” It is the paramount moment in human history.

## IX. **A Satisfying Mind:**

A. Salvation will be complete: Greek Sodzo – Perfect tense

1. Justification – The Spirit of Man – Saved from the Penalty of sin. Past tense.
2. Sanctification – The Soul of Man – Saved from the Power of sin. Present tense.
3. Glorification – The Body of Man – Saved from the Presence of sin. Future tense.

B. Creation will be restored: Revelation 21:1-5 “ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup> And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. <sup>4</sup> And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. <sup>5</sup> And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

C. Satan/Sin/Death will be eradicated: Revelation 19: 11ff “<sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He himself. <sup>13</sup> And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup> And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. <sup>16</sup> And He hath on his vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. <sup>17</sup> And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; <sup>18</sup> That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. <sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army. <sup>20</sup> And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. <sup>21</sup> And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

## X. **Supernatural Mind**

A. The Adamic nature is real. It is the lot of all who are unredeemed, unregenerate, and unsaved. Though one might go through the motions of having the mindset of Christ, at the end of the day, they will always revert to the nature that is their reality. II Peter 2:22 describes it in these terms, “But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the

sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.” When Jesus was speaking to the religious leaders of His day, He was speaking to men who were trusting in a religious mindset for their eternal reward and favor. Jesus said, “Ye are of your father, the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do.” (John 8:44). He was making a statement of fact. The reason they were the way they were is because they were possessed with an Adamic mind, which at the end of the day was a mind that yielded to the carnal nature under the leadership of Satan.

- B. Apart from salvation, a person has no other option. They can go through the motions of Godliness, but they are like cleaned up sows, at the end of the day, they will go back to their nature.
- C. When a person gives his/her life to Christ, trusting Him as their LORD and Savior, a supernatural event occurs – GOD GIVES TO THAT PERSON HIS NATURE. I Cor. 2:16 states, “For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.” II Peter 1:4 says it this way, “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” And then we have that famous passage about the fruit of the Spirit in Gal. 5:22-23 “<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup> Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”
- D. **THE MIND OF CHRIST BEGINS WITH SALVATION.**
- E. Today, I invite you to enter the supernatural mindset of God. Pray this prayer, “Father, I am not Your child. I am a child of Adam and my actions in life, my mindset prove that fact. I sin continually and no matter how hard I try, that is what I do and it is who I am. I don’t want that to be my story. I want to have Your story. I want the mind of Christ and fully understand that the only way to possess that mind is for Christ to dwell in me and Your Spirit to become my new reality. Today, I want you to forgive me of my sins and shortcomings. I want you to come into my life as my LORD and my Savior. I open my heart to You, LORD Jesus. Please forgive me and take control of my life and my mind. I accept You today. Thank You for loving me and saving me. Show me Your ways. For Christ’s sake, Amen.”
- F. If you prayed that prayer, tell someone immediately, go to your pastor and request baptism so the world will know you are cleansed from your sins and you serve a new Master, and then find someone to disciple you in the ways of Christ. Blessings in your new life.

What is your mind? Is it that of Christ? Would you agree with God that the Mind of Christ should be your mind? If so, what steps are you willing to take to have the mind of Christ?