

The Mind of Christ

Phil. 2:5 ff

- 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.

Introduction

- To have the mind or spirit of Christ is to have the character of Jesus which he revealed while He was living on the earth

- “The mind of Christ is a reference to the disposition which characterized him throughout his earthly mission. He humbly submitted to the Father’s will in entering into this world; he humbly served the

- race by teaching that first century generation; and he further displayed humility in service in enduring the shame and horrors of the cross” Bob Winton

1. An obedient mind

- LK. 2:51
- “And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them...”
- Lk. 22:42 “...not my will, but thine, be done”

2. A prayerful mind

- He prayed before every major decision
- He prayed during at least 6 great events during his ministry:
- Baptism, choosing of 12, time of Peter's confession,

- Transfiguration, garden of Gethsemane, and on the cross

Mark 1:35

- And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

3. A compassionate mind

- Acts 10:38
- “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

- He had compassion toward those who were: sick, hungry, burdened, blind, diseased, injured, mentally ill, emotionally disturbed, those with financial burdens etc.

4. An unselfish mind

- Phil. 2:5 ff

2 Cor. 8:9

- For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

5. A courageous mind

- He drove out the money changers, rebuked the Pharisees,

Mt. 21:12-13

- And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

6. A mind of joy and gladness

- Jn. 14:27
- “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Mt. 5:10-12

- Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

- Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Jn. 13:17

- If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them

7. A mind of love

- This was His most powerful quality

Jn. 3:14-17

- And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Eph. 3:19

- And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Jn. 13:33-35

- Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another;

- as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another

Much more could be said!

- His generosity, determination to resist temptation, submission, concern for the lost, his deep understanding etc.

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- A most worthy goal for the New Year!