

Developing The Mind of Christ

Philippians 2:1-5



Can We Develop the Mind of Christ?

- **Isaiah 55:8-9**, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”
- **Romans 11:33-36**, “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?”

Instructions Clear

Be of the Mind of Christ

- **Phil. 2:5**, *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus...”*
- **1 Cor. 2:16**, *“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ?”*
- **1st Pet 4:1-2**, *“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.”*

How NOT to Develop The Mind of Christ!

- Never Blindly
 - **Heb. 11:1**, *“Faith ... substance of things hoped for ... evidence of things not seen.”*
- Never Out of Tradition
 - **Matt. 15:6**, Jesus said to the Pharisees you, *“...made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.”*
- Never Because of Others
 - **Luke 14:27**, *“...whosoever doeth not bare his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.”*

How Do We Develop the Mind of Christ?

- Pray For Wisdom, **James 1:5-6**, *“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.”*
- Study God’s Word, **2nd Tim. 3:15-17**, Paul Told Timothy, *“...that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

Learn To Reason As Christ Reasoned

- **John 5:19**, “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things so ever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*”
- **John 5:30**, “*I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.*”
- **John 8:28-29**, “*...I do always those things that please him...*”
- **John 14:6-8,23-24**, Jesus emphasized this truth

The Mind of Christ Stresses...

- Humility, **Phil 2:1-5**
- Reverence toward God, **Matt. 6:1-18**
- Attitude of Physical Needs, **Matt. 19-34**
- Attitude toward others, **Matt. 5:43-48**
- Compassion toward others, **Eph. 4:32**
- Resistance to false teachers, **Matt. 23**

As Christians We Are To:

- Learn how to live like Christ, not just go through the motions.
- Learn how to value what Christ values, not what we value.
- Learn how to transform our lives to be “like Christ”, seeking our Father in Heaven.
- Learn how to obey God’s will, like Christ.



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