

## The Mind of Christ

1. The mind of Christ is exactly what it says - it is HIS mind. When we were born again, we were given this mind (1 Corinthians 2:16).
2. The mind of Christ is also known as the mind of the Spirit (Romans 8:6).
  - a. It is life and peace.
  - b. This mind reveals to us the great things God has in store for us. "But as it is written, eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:9,10)"
  - c. The mind of Christ or the mind of the Spirit reveals to us what has been freely given to us by God. "Now we received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God (1 Corinthians 2:12)."
  - d. It enables us to spiritually discern the things of the Spirit of God. "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the **Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (1 Corinthians 2:13,14)."
3. When we accepted Christ as our Savior, 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us that we became a new creature **in Christ Jesus**. Jesus Christ is the new creature; there is only ONE new creature and that is Him. We become a new creature when we are put into Him.
  - a. At salvation, the Spirit baptizes us into the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13a: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one Body").
  - b. At salvation, God establishes and anoints us in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:21: "Now He which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God").
  - c. This is how we receive His mind - we are put INTO HIM. Our old man died - the one with the carnal mind - and we were raised up with Christ. We are seated together with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6: "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus") and we use the SAME mind as He does.
4. We are transformed by the renewing of our minds. "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)."

a. The word transformed means to be changed and the word renewing means freshness, new. We are changed from the life of the old man to the life of the new man when we use His mind. We "exercise" His mind by speaking (Proverbs 18:21 says death and life are in the power of the tongue).

b. Colossians 3:10: "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him." Jesus is the new man; **He** is the one with the renewed (fresh, new) mind. We are to put on (receive) Him and use His mind.

5 God's thoughts differ from man's thoughts.

a. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says 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 (Isaiah 55:8, 9)

6 The mind of Christ and the carnal mind are opposed to one another

1. His thoughts **are not** our thoughts (of the flesh).

2. His ways **are not** our ways (of the flesh). Proverbs 23:7 says, "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." How you think is how you will act. If you allow your carnal mind to rule, your ways will be opposite God's ways.

7 God speaks the end from the beginning.

a. "God gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did (Romans 4:17)".

b. "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible (Hebrews 11:3)."

c. "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure (Isaiah 46:10)."