

CALLED TO BE LIKE JESUS

The Bible tells us to have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16 NKJV For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Philippians 2:5-11 NKJV " Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Many preachers and ministers and general believers are striving to make their own reputation. The truth is we are to die to ourselves and "not us who lives but Christ who lives in us."

Jesus was a bondservant. "He completely, 100% of the time obeyed His Father in Heaven. He only spoke the Words of the Father and He only did what the Father showed Him to do.

If we have the mind of Christ then we will also be bond servants; we are to be obeying the Word of God. That is the mind of Christ!

Galatians 2:20 NKJV "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Romans 6:11 NKJV "Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Notice, if I am dead, how can I have a reputation? Does a dead man have a reputation?

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

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We are to lay our own thoughts, ideas, will, thinking, attitudes, desires, actions etc. down and obey the Word of God.

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

When Jesus humbled Himself, God was able to lift Him up!!!

What gives God permission to elevate us in our finances, our relationships, our health, in the work place, in the kingdom of God, in the eyes of men and God? It is the same for us as it was for Jesus. Pastor James, the Pastor of the Christian church in Jerusalem tells us:

James 4:10 NKJV "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."

If you want God to lift you up in every area of your life, then humble yourself! Make the choice in your heart to obey the Word of God.

We have the mind of Christ when we humble ourselves and obey the Word of God. The Apostle Paul gives us some other insights into the mind of Christ as He continues in context in Philippians Chapter 2.

Philippians 2:1-4 NKJV "Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

Don't be selfish and self-centered. Put the interests of others before yourself. We as Christians should be like minded and in one accord. Notice many Christians want to argue about multiple whims of doctrine. This is not the mind of Christ! We should agree on the tenants that we can and stop fighting about every stupid thing. Notice, the Bible tells us that strife opens the door for the devil and every evil thing.

Titus 3:9 NKJV "But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless."

James 3:16 NKJV "For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there."

Consider:

1 Timothy 6:3 NKJV "If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, 4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, 5 useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself."

Philippians 2:12-18 NKJV "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

Ught - Oh! Paul tells us again that we should be obeying.

13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

What is the mind of Christ? We should purpose to obey the Word of God in every circumstance. That means by keeping His commandments. This is not a priority for many believers, unfortunately. Will we fail at times while we walk out our Salvation? Yes, but we repent and ask for forgiveness and keep following Jesus' example.

If you found yourself in this teaching, there is a solution. Repent, ask for forgiveness in the Name of Jesus and purpose in your mind to do better and renew your strength to the Word of God. Even this Word that I just ministered to you.

Romans 12:2 NKJV "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

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