The Struggle Is Over – You Have The Mind Of Christ!
By Connie Witter – Because of Jesus Ministries

Week 1: The Mind of Christ is Your True Identity!

Romans 5:17: “For if because of one man’s trespass death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace and the free gift of righteousness reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ” AMPC

You are righteous in Christ! You have a righteous mind! You have the mind of Christ! When you embrace the Truth that you have the Mind of Christ, you are embracing your true identity & you will reign in Life!

1 Corinthians 2:9-16: “9 This is why the Scriptures say: Things never discovered or heard of before, things beyond our ability to imagine— these are the many things God has in store for all his lovers.”
“10 But God now unveils these profound realities to us by the Spirit. Yes, he has revealed to us his inmost heart and deepest mysteries through the Holy Spirit, who constantly explores all things. 11 After all, who can really see into a person’s heart and know his hidden impulses except for that person’s spirit? So it is with God. His thoughts and secrets are only fully understood by his Spirit, the Spirit of God. 12 For we did not receive the spirit of this world system but the Spirit of God, so that we might come to understand and experience all that grace has lavished upon us. 13 And we articulate these realities with the words imparted to us by the Spirit and not with the words taught by human wisdom. We join together Spirit-revealed truths with Spirit-revealed words. 14 Someone living on an entirely human level rejects the revelations of God’s Spirit, for they make no sense to him. He can’t understand the revelations of the Spirit because they are only discovered by the illumination of the Spirit. 15 Those who live in the Spirit are able to carefully evaluate all things, and they are subject to the scrutiny of no one but God. TPT
16 “For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. AMPC

Verse 9-11: The key words in this verse is “Things beyond our own ability to think or imagine” have been revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. We often depend on our own ability to understand something or think correctly. But these verses make it very clear to us that it is not in our own ability that we would could ever experience the mind of Christ. Revelation and Understanding comes to us by the Holy Spirit within us. Our good Father has revealed to us His inmost heart and thoughts through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Christ, we possess His heart and His thoughts!
Verse 12: We did not receive the spirit of this world’s system. The world’s system is filled with man’s thoughts, feelings, opinions and judgments about everything. The world’s way of thinking leads to depression, pride, division, judging each other badly, fear, guilt, & condemnation. But the Spirit of God reveals God’s thought, feelings, and opinions about everything! His mind and thoughts are filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, humility, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23) We have received His Spirit so that we might come to understand & experience all that grace has lavished upon us. We possess as our New Identity His very mind! We have the Mind of Christ. We are not trying to think right. We think right by the power of His Spirit. 2 Timothy 1:7 say, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” NKJV

Verse 13: This verse says we articulate (or speak forth) the things that grace has lavished upon us with the words given to us by the Holy Spirit. When we embrace that we have the mind of Christ, the Spirit of God brings into our minds the very thoughts of God and out of our mouths effortlessly comes the very words of God by His Spirit.

Verse 14-15: Someone living entirely on a human level rejects the revelation of the Mind of Christ because it makes no sense to them. They depend entirely on themselves to change the way they think. They struggle to change themselves instead of depending on Jesus within them. The only reason a person does not experience the Mind of Christ is because they are still trying in their own ability. But those who depend on the Spirit within them, experience the mind of Christ by the illumination of the Spirit. Those who live in the Spirit (embrace their true identity & rely on His power within them) evaluate all things, but they are not subject to what anyone else thinks of them, but God. They find their identity in the thoughts, feelings, and purposes of God’s heart toward them in Christ.

Verse 16: Your true identity is “You have the Mind Christ!” You are not trying to get the mind of Christ. You have it within you already! Embrace that truth and trust the Holy Spirit to illuminate your mind with the thoughts of God.

1 Corinthians 2:16: “For Who has ever intimately known the mind of the Lord Yahwe well enough to become his counselor? Christ has, and we possess Christ’s perceptions.” TPT

Perceptions: perception meaning:
- a belief or opinion about something (Cambridge English Dictionary)
- Your perception of something is the way that you think about it (Collins English Dictionary)
- The way we see or view a particular event or person.
Our perception—how we see success, failure, physical death, happiness, friendships, love, and everything else—is just a perception. It is how we perceive failure or defeat, and what we do with it, that makes all the difference. Actually, perception is our personal opinion or our point of view about any particular event. The truth about you is you possess Christ’s perceptions! You see things through His eyes. You hold His thoughts, feelings, and purposes toward yourself, toward others, and toward the situations that you face in life. That’s your true identity concerning your mind.

Footnotes: 1 Corinthians 2:16: That is, we believers possess the Holy Spirit, who reveals the thoughts and purposes of Christ. The revelation of the kingdom of God that Jesus preached was not understood by the intellect of men but by those who welcomed his truth. Humanly speaking, no one can understand the mysteries of God without the Holy Spirit. Those who have the Holy Spirit now possess the perceptions of Christ’s mind and can implement his purposes on the earth.

What About Isaiah 55:7-10?

Isaiah 55:7-9 7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have love, pity, and mercy for him, and to our God, for He will multiply to him His abundant pardon. 8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. AMPC

- Many of us have quoted this verse as the truth about ourselves all our lives, yet God is talking to the wicked and unrighteous in these verses. He is not talking to those who have accepted Christ. You are righteous in Jesus and your thoughts are His thoughts and His ways are your ways. You are one with Him! You have His mind and you hold His thoughts, feeling, and purposes toward yourself, others, and every situation that you face in this life.

Let God Change the Way You Think

Romans 12:2: Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. NLT

Romans 12:2 Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God’s will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes. TPT
Embracing our true identity causes the negative thoughts to lose their power over us. With the Holy Spirit at work in us illuminating our minds, the struggle is over because we aren’t depending on our own strength anymore. When we receive the gift of The Mind of Christ as our true identity and His overflowing grace to empower us to think right, we reign over every negative thought that the devil throws at us!

So let’s embrace our true identity right now: “Father, I thank you that I have the mind of Christ. I embrace it as my true identity. I hold your thoughts, your feelings and your purposes toward myself, others, and every situation I face in this life. Thank you, Father, that I don’t have to struggle anymore to think right. I trust you to transform me by changing the way I think. Your grace is sufficient for me!

Learn more at BecauseofJesus.com