

The Mindset of Christ

PHILIPPIANS – Part 6

May 17, 2026

¹ *Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

⁵ *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

⁶ *Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;*

⁷ *rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*

⁸ *And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!*

⁹ *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,*

¹⁰ *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

¹¹ *and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2:1-11

Have the same mindset as Christ Jesus

| Adam and Eve (Humans) | Jesus |
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| Were made in God's image | Is God |
| Wanted to be like God | Took on the likeness of humans |
| Wanted to exalt themselves | Made himself nothing |
| Were discontent being God's servants | Even though he is God, he assumed the form of a servant |
| Rejected God in sinful disobedience | Followed God in perfect obedience |
| Succumbed to temptation | Overcame temptation and crushed the tempter |
| Brought the curse on the world | Took the curse for the world |

Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of May 17, 2026.

Opening

1. Share about a time in your life when you were a part of a team and it operated really well. You were supporting each other well, picking each other up when a mistake was made, encouraging one another, etc.

Digging Deeper into the Scriptures

Read Philippians 2:1-4

1. According to Paul, why should we be unified as the church?
2. According to Paul, how do we go about being unified as the church?

Read Philippians 2:5-11

3. Paul encourages his readers to have the same mindset as Christ. How would you describe Christ's mindset in verses 6-8?
4. What do you think it means that "he made himself nothing" (v. 7)?
5. "Therefore" is a very interesting word at the beginning of verse 9. It implies that because of Jesus's mindset as described in verses 6-8, God exalted him. What does this tell you about the character of God and what he values?

Applying the Scriptures

1. Does "the encouragement from being united with Christ, comfort from his love, any common sharing in the Spirit, any tenderness and compassion" lead you to "do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, value others above yourself, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others?" Why or why not?
2. How do you think you can go about life "having the mindset of Christ Jesus?" What reminders, practices, etc., can help you to remember this?