
CHRIST OUR MIND

Matthew 22:37-38

"And He said to them,

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

and with all your soul,

and with all your mind.'

This is the great and foremost commandment."

Having looked yesterday at Christ our Life, we surely realize that living as He lived will totally take a radical turn from the training we have had in this world. To daily find ourselves having to confess sins that prevail in our attitudes and thoughts. Fear, anger, lacking forgiveness and selfish living are just some of the areas we find harboring in our mind. But, ladies, if we are truly going to live Christ, and by that have a life that is full of joy and peace, we must work on changing our mind. We, women, are known for changing our minds; fickle they may say. But let us be women known for changing our minds from those who think like the world, to those who have the mind of Christ.

Today our time will be spent in looking at CHRIST OUR MIND.

We have this instruction from the Apostle Paul -

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 2:5

WE ARE COMMANDED TO HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST. **Read Philippians 2:1-2.** I'm sitting here thinking how easy it is to read the word "command" and then find myself not really thinking about the ramifications of God Almighty commanding me to do something. This is not a suggestion, this is not a request. We are commanded to have the mind of Christ. By God's grace and our application, our mind must become the mind of Christ. What does that look like? This I know, the mind of Christ would trust completely and obey without question. Here are some of the instructions we've been given.

Read Romans 12:9-21. Write down the action words. What are we to do?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:10.

So that is where we are to begin. Trust completely and obey without question.

EVIDENCES OF THE BELIEVER WITH THE MIND OF CHRIST (2:3-4): Think about the people and relationships God has placed in your life. How are we doing in having the mind of Christ when it comes to our relationship with others?

Read Matthew 16:24-27, Ephesians 4:1-6, James 1:19-20 and 1 Peter 3:8-12.

EXPLANATION OF THE MIND OF CHRIST (2:5-8): Selflessness, Complete Humility, Obedience. These are the things Jesus revealed to us, whose mind was set on nothing else but living out the plan of God. That is the type of mind we are called to also.

Read Proverbs 11:2, Colossians 3:12-17 and Hebrews 12:1-3.

THE ILLUSTRATION OF THE MIND OF CHRIST (2:30): Ephaphraditus had his mind so set on "the work of Christ" that he worked himself to near death. He was doing that through

serving the Philippian believers by working to provide for Paul on their behalf. He was not putting himself first, that's for sure. He was taking his ministry very seriously. Self-sacrificially, just as Christ was toward us.

Read Mark 8:34-36, John 16: 33 and 1 Corinthians 2:12-16.

Are you struggling with having the mind of Christ? Of course we all do, when we take the reins back into our own hands, when we let our circumstances overwhelm the trust we should have in God to work it to our good. Please understand and know, at your salvation you were given the mind of Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, so the absolute key to having the mind of Christ is to keep ourselves under the complete control of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). This is a minute by minute process of allowing Him to respond and react, rather than our responding and reacting in our natural state. It's a matter of giving Him full access to our will, our emotions and our choices. It's a command, dear one, not a suggestion or a request. And what's more, it is for our best. It's only as we take every thought captive unto the obedience of Christ that we can find true joy.

My prayer as we close today is from the pen of Paul in his letter to the Romans 15:5-6:

"Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement
grant you to be of the same mind with one another
according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may
with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Did you know, it's scientifically proven that it takes dwelling on a positive thought for at least 10 seconds for it to groove a memory path across our brain? No wonder the Lord tells us to meditate on His word day and night. God bless you as you think on His word.

Write down any encouragement or instruction you had today, and then remember it throughout the day.