

Topic: The Christ-like Mind

Text: Philippians 2:1-8

Aim: To urge believers to grow into having the mind of Christ, which is completely different from that of the world.

Introduction: God's greatest desire is for us to live a victorious life and continually enjoy His blessings bequeathed to us in Christ Jesus. However, one reason many are struggling to live that glorious life is their inability to appropriate to themselves what God in His loving-kindness has equipped them with. Only those that have the mind of Christ can steer through this world of endless temptation and counter the plot of the enemy. The mind of Christ is the God centered mind that does only what is approved and acceptable will of God. Our renewed mind in Christ is what separates us from the people of the world, and it has the capacity to absorb godly information that propels us towards living the godly kind of life that is only found in Christ Jesus the perfect man. In this study, we will discuss how we can feed our mind with the right information, to enable us grow in the knowledge of Christ.

Discussion questions

- 1) What do you understand by “the mind of Christ”? Phil. 2:8; Matt. 9:36; Luke 23:34; John 13:1
- 2) How can one have the mind of Christ? John 3:3 & 5; Romans 8:4 - 8; Rom. 12:1 – 2;
- 3) In what ways can believers feed their minds with the right information and guard it from being corrupted? 2 Timothy 2:15, 19, 22-23; Rom. 12:1-2, Phil. 4:8; Joshua 1:8
- 4) What are the benefits of having the mind of Christ? Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 2:8-11; 1 Corinthians 2: 15-16; Romans 8:6, John 14:1-3.

Conclusion: The world is full of noise, temptations, and distractions but God has called us to think, live, and act from a higher place — the mind of Christ. Having the mind of Christ means setting our thoughts on things that are pure, noble, and true. It means guarding our hearts and being intentional about what we feed our minds with. Though, it is not always easy, it is possible — and it leads to peace, strength, fulfilment of purpose, and a life that pleases God. Remember, you cannot live a Christ-like life with a worldly mindset. If we truly want to stand out, grow spiritually, and fulfill God’s purpose for our lives, we must allow His word to shape how we think. That is how we begin to truly walk in victory — because we are not just living differently; we are built differently.

Memory Verse: Romans 8:5 "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."