

The Mind Of Christ

Phil. 2:5

Introduction:

- A. We sometimes hear, “He (or she) shows the spirit or mind of Christ”.
 - 1. A great compliment, if one understands the mind of Christ.
 - 2. A great insult to Christ, if one means a soft, all-embracing mind.
- B. One needs to understand and imitate **every aspect** of the mind (or spirit) of Christ:

Discussion:

I. Jesus Had a *Humble Mind*.

- A. By voluntary submission to the Father's will. (v. 8; cf. Isa. 53:7,10; Heb. 5:8,9).
 - 1. Without question or protest. (cf. vv. 2:12-14).
 - 2. Humbly accepting all consequences of obeying (1 Pet. 2:18-24).
- B. By putting welfare others before himself. (vv. 3-7; cf. 1 Cor. 9:19-23).

II. Jesus Had a *Compassionate Mind*.

- A. Toward physically needy.
 - 1. The 4,000 hungry people. (Mt. 15:32).
 - 2. The leper. (Mk. 1:41).
- B. Toward emotionally needy.
 - 1. The widow of Nain. (Luke 7:11-13).
 - 2. The sisters of Lazarus. (John 11:33-35).
- C. Toward spiritually needy.
 - 1. The great multitude. (Mk. 6:34).
 - 2. The great city. (Lk. 19:41; Matt. 23:37).

III. Jesus Had an *Indignant Mind*.

- A. Toward religious error (Matt. 15:9; Mark 2:23-3:5).
 - 1. Refused to submit their demands. (cf. Gal. 2:5).
 - 2. Rebuked them sharply.
- B. Toward religious hypocrites. (Matt. 23:13ff).
 - 1. Did not Jesus love these people? Of course, he did. (Matt. 23:30-37)
 - 2. Did not Paul love Peter? (cf. Gal. 2:14ff)
- C. Toward those who defiled His Father's house. (John 2:13-17).
 - 1. What about moral and ethical defilement today?
 - 2. What about spiritual defilement today?

Conclusion:

- A. The Mind of Christ will show humility.
- B. The Mind of Christ will show compassion.
- C. The Mind of Christ will sometimes show indignation.