

The Mind of Christ

Living With the Mindset of Jesus Under the New Covenant

Main Text

1 Corinthians 2:16 (KJV)

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Many believers have accepted Jesus as Savior, but still think like the world.

They are born again in their spirit, but their thinking has not been renewed by the Word of God.

Paul tells the church something powerful:

“But we have the mind of Christ.”

Notice he did not say:

“We are trying to get it.”

“We might receive it one day.”

“Only preachers have it.”

He said **we have** the mind of Christ.

Under the New Covenant, God not only forgives our sins—He changes our inner nature and gives us the ability to think differently.

Question- What is the mind of christ?

How Can We Develop the Mind of Christ

The Mind of Christ Is:

A renewed way of thinking

A Word-based mindset

Thinking in agreement with God

Seeing life from Heaven’s perspective

Responding the way Jesus would respond

Before Salvation:

We were controlled by sin, fear, confusion, pride, lust, anger, and worldly thinking.

After Salvation:

We have access to God’s wisdom, God’s Word, God’s Spirit, and God’s thoughts.

The believer now has the ability to:

- **Think** differently
- **Live** differently
- **Respond** differently
- **Love** differently

- **Make** wiser decisions
- **Walk by faith** instead of fear

Power Point: The mind of Christ is what causes New Covenant believers to stand out in today's culture.

1. **The Mind of Christ Thinks on God's Word**

Romans 12:2 (KJV)

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

Jesus constantly thought in agreement with the Father.

Everything Jesus did flowed from:

- The Word
- The will of God
- The wisdom of God

Power Point: A believer with the mind of Christ does not allow culture, social media, emotions, or popular opinions to become their main influence.

Their thinking is renewed by Scripture.

What Does This Look Like?

Instead of saying, “I’ll never make it.”

They say, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13)

Instead of constant worry

They choose prayer and trust

Instead of revenge and bitterness

They choose forgiveness and wisdom

2. **The Mind of Christ Is Others-Minded**

Philippians 2:5 (KJV)

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”

Philippians 2:5 KJVS

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

Question: What is the mind of Christ?

Jesus constantly thought about helping people:

- Healing People

- Saving People
- Feeding People
- Teaching People
- Restoring People

The Mind of Christ Is Not Selfish and Self-Centered.

Worldly thinking says: “What about me?”

The mind of Christ says:

“How can I help someone else?”

Under the New Covenant, believers become representatives of Jesus in the earth.

3. The Mind of Christ Walks In Love

John 13:34-35 (KJV)

“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you...”

Jesus did not operate with:

- Constant Offense
- Hatred
- Jealousy
- Division
- Strife

Power Point: The mind of Christ chooses love even when emotions want revenge.

Question- What does this look like today?

- Refusing gossip
- Refusing division
- Refusing racism and hatred
- Refusing to stay offended
- Treating people with dignity

A believer with the mind of Christ realizes people are not the enemy; Satan is the enemy.

4. The Mind of Christ Is Humble

Philippians 2:7-8 (KJV)

“But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant...”

Jesus was powerful, yet humble.

The world promotes:

- Pride
- Attention
- Self-promotion
- Arrogance

The mind of Christ walks in humility.

Humility says:

“Without God I can do nothing.”

“I need God daily.”

“All glory belongs to God.”

A New Covenant believer understands: Grace flows toward humility.

5. The Mind of Christ Thinks by Faith Not Fear

2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV)

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

The mind of Christ is stable.

It is not controlled by:

- Panic
- Anxiety
- Fear
- Double-mindedness

Jesus remained calm in storms because His mind was fixed on the Father.

Isaiah 26:3 (KJV)

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee...”

6. The Mind of Christ Seeks God’s Purpose

Jesus Always Lived with Purpose.

Luke 19:10 (KJV)

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Believers with the mind of Christ stop living only for temporary pleasures and begin living for eternal purpose.

They ask:

“Lord, why am I here?”

“Who can I reach?”

“How can I grow?”

“How can I disciple others?”

“How can I represent Jesus better?”

What The Mind of Christ Looks Like in A New Covenant Believer

A Believer with the Mind of Christ:

- Thinks with faith
- Loves people
- Forgives quickly
- Seeks God’s wisdom
- Controls their thoughts
- Speaks life
- Lives humbly
- Walks in purpose
- Is led by the Holy Spirit
- Desires spiritual growth
- Values God’s Word
- Thinks about eternity

If your thoughts stay defeated, fearful, angry, lustful, or hopeless, your life will follow those thoughts. When your thinking lines up with God’s Word, transformation begins.

Discussion Questions

1. What does “having the mind of Christ” personally mean to you?
2. What areas of your thinking still need to be renewed?
3. How does worldly thinking differ from Kingdom thinking?
4. Why is renewing the mind important for spiritual growth?
5. How can believers guard their minds in today’s culture?
6. What does being “others-minded” look like in everyday life?
7. How did Jesus demonstrate the mind of Christ during difficult situations?
8. What practical changes happen when a believer truly thinks like Christ?

Faith Action Steps

1. Spend daily time renewing your mind with God’s Word.
2. Replace negative thoughts with Scripture.
3. Before reacting emotionally, ask: “What would Jesus want me to do?”
4. Pray daily for wisdom and spiritual understanding.
5. Limit influences that feed fear, lust, anger, confusion, and unbelief.

Declaration

“I have the mind of Christ.

My thinking is being renewed by God's Word.

I refuse fear, confusion, bitterness, and defeat.

I think by faith.

I walk in love.

I live with purpose.

I am led by the Holy Spirit.

My mind is focused on God, and my life is being transformed in Jesus' name. Amen."