

## HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 2:16 “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”

In their spiritual arrogance, sinful human beings want to tell God what to do. For sure, they do not want to do what God, through His word, has told them to do. A sinful human being, with no faith in Jesus Christ, is unable to know, understand and obey Him.

The Christian, on the other hand, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit “on his or her knees can see farther than the philosopher on their tiptoes, for spiritual truth can be perceived only by the spiritually prepared mind. The truths of God are foolishness and trifling to a carnal mind. The only way to understand spiritual truth is through the work of the Holy Spirit.” (Summarized Bible)

God’s wisdom is incomprehensible—yet He has enabled believers to understand the wisdom of His salvation through the crucified Messiah, Jesus. Jesus said, “. . .no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. (Matthew 11:27) A commentator comments, “Unsaved people ‘walk by sight’ and really see nothing. They are spiritually blind. The maturing Christian grows in his spiritual discernment and develops the ability (with the Spirit’s help) to understand more and more of the will and mind of God.”

As the Holy Spirit fills you, you learn to think as Jesus would have you think. The presence of the Spirit gives you, a believer in Christ, the ability to discern God’s will and works because He knows the Father, the mind of the Father and the will of the Father. To “have the mind of Christ” means to look at life from the Savior’s point of view, having in mind His values and desires. It means to think God’s thoughts and not think as the world thinks.

Having the mind of Christ does not mean knowing everything Jesus knows, but that the Holy Spirit has opened your mind to His perspective, His priorities, His heart. You have the mind of Christ that changes your life from looking only after your own interest to praying daily, “Lord, not my will by Your will be done” just as Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. By God’s grace the Holy Spirit has given you the mind of Christ to pray this prayer.

Prayer: Holy Spirit give me the mind of Christ that I am able to know the Almighty God as my Father through Jesus Christ my Lord. In His name. Amen.

May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and pow'r controlling All I do and say.

May the Word of Christ dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour  
So that all may see I triumph Only through His pow'r.

May the peace of Christ my Savior Rule my life in every thing,  
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me, As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing, This is victory.

May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only Him.  
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