



THE MIND OF CHRIST AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Phil. 2:5-11

Phil. 2:5 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I. THE PERCEPTION OF THE CONCEPT

Phil. 2:5 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:

A. The Imperative – “Let this mind...”

Original Word: φρονέω

Transliteration: phroneó

Definition: (a) I think, (b) I think, judge, (c) **I direct the mind to**, seek for, (d) I observe, (e) I care for.

(phronéō) essentially equates to personal opinion fleshing itself out in action (see J. Thayer). This idea is difficult to translate into English because it combines the *visceral* and *cognitive* aspects of thinking.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5426.htm>

Phil. 1:7 Even as it is meet for me to **think** this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

Phil. 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be **likeminded**, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one **mind**. ...
5 Let this **mind** be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Phil. 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus **minded**: and if in any thing ye be otherwise **minded**, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us **mind** the same thing. ...

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is *their* belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who **mind** earthly things.)

Phil. 4:2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same **mind** in the Lord. ...

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your **care** of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also **careful**, but ye lacked opportunity.

Mt. 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou **savourest** not the things that be of God, but **those that be of men**.

Rom. 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not **to think** of *himself* more highly than he ought **to think**; but **to think soberly**, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

1 Cor. 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I **understood** as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Col. 3:2 Set your **affection** on things above, not on things on the earth.

How we think affects what we do!

Mk. 7:21 For from within, **out of the heart** of men, **proceed** evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,
22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

Lu. 6:45 A good man **out of the good treasure of his heart** bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man **out of the evil treasure of his heart** bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Prov. 4:23 **Keep thy heart with all diligence**; for out of it are the issues of life.

B. The Influence – “...be in you...”

1. Have Fellowship with God, 2:6

a. Selflessness – 2:7 “...the form of a servant...”

Mt. 23:11 But he that is **greatest** among you shall be your **servant**.

b. Submission – 2:8a “...humbled himself...”

Acts 20:19 **Serving the Lord with all humility of mind**, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

Original Word: ταπεινοφροσύνη

Transliteration: tapeinophrosune

Definition: humility, lowliness of mind, modesty.

In Scripture, *tapeinophrosýnē* ("lowliness, humility") is an inside-out virtue produced by comparing ourselves to the Lord (rather than to others). For the believer, *tapeinophrosýnē* ("humility") means living in complete dependence on the Lord, i.e. with no reliance on self (the flesh). <http://biblehub.com/greek/5012.htm>

c. Sacrifice – 2:8b “...obedient unto death...”

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies **a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service.*

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may **prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

2. Having Favor of God, 2:9-11 "...to the glory of God the Father."

Phil. 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

1 Cor. 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and **then shall every man have praise of God.**

C. The Imitation – “...which was also in Christ Jesus:”

Rom. 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that **like as Christ** was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk** in newness of life.

1 Cor. 11:1 **Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.**

Phil. 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and **mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.**

Conclusion

Jn. 15:8 **Herein is my Father glorified**, that ye **bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.**

2 Thess. 1:10 When **he shall come to be glorified in his saints**, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

Jas. 1:12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, **he shall receive the crown of life**, which **the Lord hath promised to them that love him.**

Heb. 11:6 But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* **he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

Gal. 5:6 “...**faith which worketh by love.**”

Heb. 6:10 For **God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love**, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.