



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

Phil. 1:7, 2:2, 5, 3:15, 16, 19, 4:2, 10, Mt. 16:23, Rom. 12:3, 1 Cor. 13:11, Col. 3:2

How we think affects what we do! Mk. 7:21-22, Lu. 6:45, Prov. 4:23

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

b. Submission – 2:8a “...humbled himself...” Acts 20:19

c. Sacrifice – 2:8b “...obedient unto death...” Rom. 12:1-2

2. Having Favor of God, 2:9-11 “...to the glory of God the Father.” Phil. 1:11, 1 Cor. 4:5

C. The Imitation – “...which was also in Christ Jesus:” Rom. 6:4
1 Cor. 11:1 Phil. 3:17

II. THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

Mt. 6:10, 26:42

A. The Fellowship in the Gospel, Phil. 1:3-7

1. Remembrance with Appreciation, 1:3

a. Paul was thankful, 1:3a – “I thank my God...

b. Paul was thoughtful, 1:3b – “...upon every remembrance of you,”

2. Remembrance with Admiration, 1:4-5

a. Paul prayed perpetually, 1:4a – “Always in every prayer of mine...”

b. Paul prayed particularly, 1:4b – “...for you all...”

c. Paul prayed pleasurable, 1:4c-5 – “...making my request with joy,”

i. Remembering their fellowship, 1:5a – “For your **fellowship in the gospel...**”

Rom. 15:26, 2 Cor. 8:4, 9:13, Phil. 4:10, 14-19

ii. Remembering their faithfulness, 1:5b – “...from the first day until now;” 1 Cor. 4:2

3. Remembrance with Anticipation, 1:6

1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

a. The Satisfaction of Confidence, 1:4

1:4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all **making request with joy,**

b. The Source of Confidence, 1:6

i. The Possession of Confidence, 1:6a –
“Being confident of this very thing...”

Original Word: πείθω

Transliteration: peithó

Short Definition: I persuade, urge, am confident

Gal. 5:10 I have **confidence** in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

2 Tim. 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am **persuaded** that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

ii. The Performance through Christ, 1:6b –
“...that he which hath begun a good work in
you will perform it until the day of Jesus
Christ:”

Paul was confident that CHRIST was going to work in and through the Philippians!

Original Word: ἐνάρχομαι

Transliteration: enarchomai

Definition: I begin (in), make a beginning, commence.

Gal. 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having **begun** in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Phil. 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath **begun** a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

GOD IS WORKING IN YOU!

1 Thess. 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received **the word of God** which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, **the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.**

Heb. 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Phil. 2:13 For it is God which **worketh in** you both to will and **to do** of *his* good pleasure.

Original Word: ἐνεργέω

Transliteration: energeó

Definition: I work, am operative, am at work, am made to work, accomplish; mid: I work, display activity.

OUR POTENTIAL – GOD WILL FINISH THE WORK OF HIS WILL....
IN US!

Phil. 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you **will perform** it until the day of Jesus Christ:

“good work” = érgon (“work”) is **a deed (action) that carries out (completes) an inner desire (intension, purpose).**

Original Word: ἐπιτελέω

Transliteration: epiteleó

Short Definition: I complete, accomplish, perfect, perform

From epi and teleo; to fulfill further (or completely) -- accomplish, do, finish, (make) (perfect), perform (-ance).

2 Cor. 8:6 Inasmuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he **would** also **finish** in you the same grace also.

Gal. 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now **made perfect** by the flesh?

How are we to let God do His work in and through us?

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.

Original Word: λατρεία

Transliteration: latreia

Definition: service rendered to God, perhaps simply: worship.

Phil. 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which **worship** God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Conclusion

Rom. 8:38 For **I am persuaded**, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from **the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

2 Cor. 5:14 **For the love of Christ constraineth us**; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:
15 And *that* he died for all, that **they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him** which died for them, and rose again.

Heb. 6:9 But, beloved, we are **persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation**, though we thus speak.