



# THE MIND OF CHRIST AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Phil. 2:5, 1:3-8

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

Phil. 1:3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,  
4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

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:

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.

8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.

## 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...”

B. The Influence – “...be in you...”

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
2. Remembrance with Admiration, 1:4-5
3. Remembrance with Anticipation, 1:6

## 4. Remembrance with Affection, 1:7-8

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.

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- a. An Appropriate Affection, 1:7a – “Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart...”

**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.** This idea is difficult to translate into English because it combines the *visceral* and *cognitive* aspects of thinking. **(Visceral = from instinct rather than intellect.)** <http://biblehub.com/greek/5426.htm>

b. An Adamant Affection, 1:7b

Phil. 1:7b "...inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel..."

The following is a list of 14 challenges listed by John MacArthur:

1. False salvation
2. Satan and demons may do all they can to steal joy.
3. An inadequate understanding of God's sovereignty
4. Prayerlessness
5. A low after a spiritual high.
6. A circumstance orientation.
7. Ingratitude
8. Forgetfulness.

Psa. 103:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *ble*ss his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, **and forget not all his benefits:**

## 9. Dissatisfaction with one's earthly condition

Phil. 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for **I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.**

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things **through Christ** which strengtheneth me.





10. Fear of the future

11. Live by uncontrolled feelings.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, in *Spiritual Depression*; “I suggest that the main trouble in this whole matter of spiritual depression is this: that we allow our self to talk to us instead of talking to our self.”

12. Morbid self-analysis

13. Self - centeredness.

14. The unwillingness to accept forgiveness –

Phil. 1:17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for **the defence** of the gospel.

**Original Word:** ἀπολογία

**Transliteration:** apologia

**Short Definition:** a verbal defense

**An *apologia* is a *thought-out* response to adequately address the issue(s) that is raised.**

**An "apology" in *classical* times had nothing to do with saying, "I'm sorry," but rather was a *reasoned argument (defense)* that presented evidence (supplied *compelling proof*).**

1 Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be ready* always to give an **answer** to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

## c. An Affirmed Affection, 1:7c-8

Phil. 1:7c “...ye all are partakers of my grace.

8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.”

i. Affirmed in Fellowship with the Saints, 1:7c –  
“...ye all are partakers of my grace.”

ii. Affirmed in Fellowship with the Savior, 1:8

Phil. 1:8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.”

## Conclusion

Psa. 21:1 The king shall **joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation** how greatly shall he rejoice!

Psa. 32:11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye *that are* upright in heart.

Isa. 61:10 **I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God;** for he hath clothed me with the **garments of salvation**, he hath covered me with the **robe of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

Jer. 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and **thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart:** for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Hab. 3:18 Yet **I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.**

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might **finish my course with joy, and the ministry,** which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.