



THE MIND OF CHRIST AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

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I. THE PERCEPTION OF THE CONCEPT

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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

B. The Force Within the Gospel, Phil. 1:9-11

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1. Love Abounding, 1:9

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- God's love is acquired at salvation – the foundation for discipleship!

1 Jn. 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for **love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.**

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, **not that we loved God, but that he loved us,** and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, **if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.**

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt **love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,** and with **all thy soul,** and with **all thy mind,** and with **all thy strength:** *this is* the first commandment.

31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **There is none other commandment greater than these.**

1 Jn. 3:14 **We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.** He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

Jn. 13:35 **By this shall all men know** that ye **are** my disciples, if ye have **love one to another.**

- God's love is not static but dynamic – it is to “abound yet more and more”- indicating spiritual growth!

1 Thess. 3:12 And the Lord make you to **increase and abound in love one toward another**, and toward all *men*, even as we do toward you:

1 Pet. 2:2 As newborn babes, **desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**

2 Pet. 3:18 But **grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.** To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

2 Thess. 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that **your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;**

- God's love is a spiritual influence in a carnal world.

1 Cor. 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and **have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.**

2 And though I have *the gift* of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and **have not charity, I am nothing.**

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and **have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.**

4 **Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,**

5 **Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;**

6 **Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;**

7 **Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.**

8 **Charity never faileth:** but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Gal. 5:22 But **the fruit of the Spirit is love**, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

- God's love is focused on giving OF self not gaining FOR self.

Jn. 15:13 **Greater love hath no man than this**, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Rom. 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to **love one another**: for **he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law**.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**.

10 **Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law**.

- The emphasis of love's abounding is in depth and discernment.

Phil. 1:9c "...**that your love may abound** yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;"

Original Word: ἐπίγνωσις

Transliteration: epignósis

Definition: knowledge of a particular point (directed towards a particular object); perception, discernment, recognition, intuition.

Original Word: αἴσθησις

Transliteration: aisthḗsis

Definition: perception, judgment, understanding, discernment.

Cognate: *aísthēsis* (a feminine noun) – properly, the brand of **sense-discernment which "cuts through" hazy ethical (moral) matters to really "size things up."**

Marasmus - (*Pathology*) Malnutrition occurring in infants and young children, caused by insufficient intake of calories or protein and characterized by thinness, dry skin, poor muscle development, and irritability. <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/marasmus?s=t>

Conclusion

Eph. 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And **be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

Eph. 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
2 And **walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us** an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

1 Pet. 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* **love one another with a pure heart fervently:**