



RENEWING THE MIND - PART 2

In part 1 of renewing the mind we looked at the carnal mind or the mind of man. In this resource we are going to unpack the "mind of Christ".

Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:16 makes this bold and emphatic statement of truth when he says "But we have the mind of Christ."

Wow what a statement to make. Paul is not just saying he has the mind of Christ but 'we' have the mind of Christ. Now a very common mistake we make as His followers is that we read the word 'we' and automatically think and believe this 'we' is us. We are to have the mind of Christ and we are to be continuously coming into more and more of having His mindset on all things, but just because we say we are His follower, doesn't mean we do or are coming into this truth. This is the potential we all have in Him, to have His mind, His thoughts, His ways and be living in accordance to His mind.

The context for having His mind is found in the verses before verse 16. Let's have a look at them.

1 Corinthians 2:11-13 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

The key to knowing the thoughts of God is in having a very deep intimate fellowship with the Holy Spirit. I hope we can now see how vital it is to have the Holy Spirit as your personal teacher, and not just someone you look to in times of trouble.

Look at these words, "***Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.***"

The Holy Spirit who is not of this world has been given to us by God, so we can know the things that God has freely given to us. The mind of Christ knows all things. The mind of Christ knows who the Father is. The mind of Christ knows the Father's truth, plans and purposes. Having the mind of Christ means knowing who we are in Christ and the life we are chosen and called for.

Paul said he spoke of these things which had been freely given to him, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

The mind of Christ sees everything clearly and simply. The mind of Christ lives from the spiritual position of 'oneness' and is able to explain the manifold aspect of God as one, even though it is manifold. Only when we have His mind and are having His mind, are we able to fully grasp and possess all of the things God has for us. To receive the eternal food in us via the Spirit is one thing but we also need to have what we have received revealed in our minds, aligning our mind to His mind. This then fully empowers us to



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live in accordance to what it is we have received from Him.

For the Word of God to materialise into fruit which is 30,60,100 fold, we must not only hear the Word but understand the Word of God which is spiritual. This is the operating system of the kingdom of God.

Having His mind opens up His kingdom realm in and to us and makes us completely aware of His thoughts towards us.

Psalms 139:17-18 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You.

QUESTIONS:

1. What aspect of this part 2 resource stands out the most to you and why?
2. What is one able to possess in Christ, if one has and continues to enter into having His mind?
3. Why does the Holy Spirit play such a significant part in the church having the mind of Christ?
4. How intimate is your fellowship with the Holy Spirit?
5. How many of His thoughts towards you are a living revealed position?
6. How have these thoughts changed your life?

ACTION POINT: What action point do we need to take away from tonight?