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In the last resource we looked at the renewing of the mind by the Spirit and this dovetails beautifully into having a “Oneness of mind” with Him and one another.

It’s essential when we talk about a oneness of mind with Christ and one another that we understand this is literally having the mind of the Spirit, the mind of Christ Himself. It is thinking as Christ thinks and growing in this continuously.

What an incredibly powerful position to be in and to live from as His people. The life that comes from this oneness of mind and the endless realms of possibilities that exist in Him, are inexhaustible.

Philippians 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Acts 1:14 These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

Romans 15:5 Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus.

4 powerful living oracles of truth which are to be all of our living realities. This is what the Father desires for us all as His people, His ecclesia. The last Scripture is very definitive and powerful, especially the words, “according to Christ Jesus.”

This is a prayer of Paul, that the God who gives us perseverance and encouragement, would also grant us to be of the same mind with one another, according to His mind.

Many would say having the same mind, a oneness of thought, is way too narrow and we need to have multiple ways of thinking, and in the right context I would agree, but not when it comes to having His mind, His thoughts etc. There is only one way of thinking when it comes to God and as His people, the church, we are all to be having our minds renewed in accordance with His mind, so we all have His mind in relation to Himself, His will, His plan and how He sees us.

A major reason for much of the division we see in God’s body, is due to the fact that we don’t have His mind on the many things I have listed above. We attempt to know the things above through our own understanding and learning systems, believing we know what is right and wrong, but failing miserably to know Him and His will and purpose.



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A church that has His mind and is continuously coming into more of having His mind, is a church which is perfected in unity, oneness with God and one another. There is such a beautiful harmony and kindred spirit of God in these people, that they are able to demonstrate the eternal wisdom of God for all to see.

The simplicity of having His mind as an individual and as a people group is profoundly deep and truly enables and empowers His people, you and I, to live lives of godliness which is not only profitable for this life but in the life to come, in the 1000-year reign of Christ back on earth.

When one comes into having His mind through the Spirit and continues to grow in this reality, one becomes more and more Christ like and walks in the manner in which He walked. This isn't to be for the odd one or two "special followers", but for all of us as His children.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why is having oneness of mind with Him first so essential with having oneness of mind with other followers?
2. How would you describe your own process of coming into having the mind of Christ?
3. What has been the influence and impact on your life so far of this?
4. Why is division the fruit of a lack of having His mind?
5. What is the fruit of the body of Christ having oneness of mind in accordance to the mind of Christ?