

## The Mind of Christ

**“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:5)**

The original sin in the Garden of Eden involved the mind. Adam and Eve did not sin by accident. God told them what was right but the “wicked one” corrupted their thinking. God said they would surely die. The serpent said they would NOT surely die. There were two ways of thinking. There was God’s way of thinking, and there was Satan’s way of thinking. The original sin came as the result of improper thinking.

It is not by accident that the Bible word for “repentance” is “metanoeo” which literally means to change your mind.

The Advent of Christ into the world involved a different way of thinking. The world strives for power, but Christ gave up power. The world values reputation, but Jesus made Himself of no reputation. The world glorifies rulers, but Christ came as a Servant. The world honours those who give orders, but Jesus came to take orders. The world honours life, but Jesus humbled Himself unto death. Those who have the “mind of Christ” think differently than do others.

Sinful activity involves the mind:

- The Scriptures teach that those destroyed by the flood continually had evil imaginations and thoughts (Gen. 6:5.)
- Paul wrote of sinners so vain in their imaginations that God gave them over to a reprobate mind (Rom. 1:21-28.)
- Such people were accused by their own thoughts (Rom. 2:15.)
- They fulfill the desires of the flesh and of the mind (Eph. 2:3.)
- They walk in the vanity of the mind and are alienated from God through ignorance (Eph. 4:17-18.)
- The mind of the flesh is death (Rom. 8:6.)

Apostolic preaching involved casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God (II Cor. 10:3-5.) The struggle is not against flesh and blood, we are involved in mental and spiritual warfare. Those who think like Satan wants them to think are not saved. We must open the eyes of their understanding so they will think like God.

Repentance, that is the change of mind, is not an option. It is essential to salvation. All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father. It is of the world. And the world and it’s lusts will pass away while those who do the will of God will abide continually (I John 2:15-17.)

Godly behaviour also involves the mind. Conversion is described as:

- The renewing of the mind (Rom. 12:2.)
- The mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5.)
- Learning Christ (Eph. 4:20.)
- Setting your mind on things above and not things of earth (Col. 3:2.)

The book of Revelation symbolizes the difference between the saved and the lost by reference to that which is written on their foreheads. There are 144,000 who have the name of the Father written on their foreheads (Rev. 14:1.) They think like God, and consequently are saved. Those who have the mark of the beast on their foreheads will be condemned, and the smoke of their torment will go up for ever and ever (Rev. 14:9-11.)

John wrote: **“And we know that we are of God and the whole world lieth in wickedness.” (I John 5:19.)** There is a great gulf between Christian and non-Christian thinking. The gate that leads to destruction is broad and easy and many will be go in it. The way the leads to life is straight and narrow and only a few will find it (Matt. 7:13-14.)

Do not think like the world, but **Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus!**