

John # 114 “The Wonderful Words Of Life” *John 6:50-63; 1st Corinthians 10:1-6; 1st Corinthians 9:24-27*

So, for us to have the mind of Christ in us, we must actively, diligently study the Scriptures.
And that requires us to have a continued positive response to the Word of God which comes from

a realization of the importance of biblical truth living and accumulating daily in our souls.
This comes in many ways: through willful consistent exposure to Bible teaching, through suffering in our experiences and through divine discipline.

And the filling of the Holy Spirit provided graciously by God is absolutely necessary and that's established by using God's recovery technique.

Mature Christians fully understand the concept of ‘Live and let live’; so they always avoid gossip and unwarranted criticism of other believers with a few exceptions: parents over children, workplace supervisors over employees and church leadership over the congregation.

And if we desire to find and adopt the mind of Christ, we must have good manners in Bible class which allow us to pay attention and that includes thoughtfulness toward other congregation members.

We must challenge ourselves to remember the importance of our meetings and that means we must exercise maximum self-discipline by concentrating on the message whether or not it seems applicable for our present situation.

The mind of Christ is objective reality and satanic thinking found in Satan's world system is arrogant subjective reality, the prideful state of preoccupation with self.

Relative standards applied to human interaction result in conflict between two individuals or members of organizations, where one says it's right and another counters by saying it's wrong and both are based on their own inclinations.

With ethics, an individual's standards from his conscience approve or disapprove phenomena and in his arrogance, he assumes that is objective reality.

There is only one honorable way to die as believers in Jesus Christ and that's as invisible heroes.

But while we do have control over our lives to become winners or a losers in the experiential plan of God, we have no control over the time, manner and place of our death.

And since it is impossible for God to be unfair or unjust, the time, manner and place of our death is always a perfect decision because God is perfect; His sovereign decisions are

perfect.

And how well we accept God's sovereign decision for our or someone else's dying depends on our spiritual condition.

Invisible heroes die well because their dying is profit or gain to them.

In living, dying and death, the winner recovers from failure, is filled with the Holy Spirit regularly, lives in faith-rest constantly, remains oriented to grace and truth, is motivated by his personal love for God the Father, has impersonal love for all mankind, shares God's unshakable happiness, has an ever-present personal sense of his own destiny in life and is always occupied with the Person of Jesus Christ.

The greatest virtue in the Christian life is knowledge of biblical truth; we can't truly live life to its fullest until we know something about God's design for us.

We must know what we're doing before we can do it; we must have biblical dogmatic established standards in our souls as to what is right, what is not and even better, what is best before we can determine what we're doing.

The point is as long as we are in Phase 2 of the plan of God on this earth, our production when we are filled with the Holy Spirit is what we will be evaluated on for our reward.

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The trumpeter was heard but not seen, like our life of faith-rest and if we're going to secure the prize at the Bema-seat, we must operate on the basis of faith-rest here and now.

The filling of the Holy Spirit precedes ALL successful activity in the Christian life.

Believers MUST exercise their faith in all kinds of situations; whether in prosperity or adversity, catastrophe or great success, we must go through the same routine of trusting in the mind of Christ.

God has provided a life for us where we can have inner happiness, peace and power regardless of our circumstances; we have stability with biblical truth.

The winner recovers when necessary, gets up when he falls and keeps on going forward as long as he has

the strength to do so because he knows where he is going and he's determined to get there.

Believers who know biblical truth, know where they are going, they understand the thrust of the Christian life and since they do, they live it magnificently.

One must have discipline to be an athlete and as believers in Jesus Christ, we must have a system

of discipline to be successful which involves learning, believing and using the operating assets God graciously provided for our use to glorify Him.