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“The Alpha and the Omega” *John 10:17-19*

The mind of Christ is a mental attitude of genuine humility or complete freedom from pride and arrogance.

This humility cannot and does not exist in Satan’s world system; so it’s the first thing to go when we get out of God’s experiential plan for our lives.

Satan’s attractive world system is based on his arrogance and it has so many allurements that sooner or later everyone is captured by it unless they are walking in God’s truth, under the enabling power of His Spirit which combine to produce momentum from the adoption of the mind of Christ.

So the virtue of all believers in Jesus Christ is humility; total freedom from the world system and humility is objectivity and teachability, the prerequisites for learning biblical truth.

Humility or being humble in the plan of God is simply recognition of the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and submitting to that authority.

Since the Bible is the mind of Christ, submission to the authority of our Lord involves consistent post-salvation biblical rehabilitation and so, we submit by our daily intake of the Word of God.

If we become neglectful of Bible study, we are in a state of rebellion where we don’t enjoy the result of post-salvation biblical rehabilitation, grace-oriented humility.

In biblical humility, the prideful independence of human power and ability is reduced to zero, so that dependence on the power and ability of God is increased to the maximum through the application of grace.

Teachability recognizes 2 things: the God-given authority of the teacher and the content of his message which is the authority of the Word of God as the mind or thinking of Jesus Christ.

Humility is grace-orientation which occurs in 3 categories:

- 1) Pre-salvation grace—common and efficacious grace.
- 2) Salvation grace through faith alone in Christ alone.
- 3) Post-salvation grace—living-grace-support.

Humility responds to the truth found in God’s established laws by submitting to legitimate governmental authority and it responds to Church Age mystery doctrine by living the experiential plan of God inside His power palace.

Losers in life are losers in marriage.

Because of the prophecy in vs 16 regarding one flock and One Shepherd, Jesus says ‘My Father loves Me,’ present tense indicating that He keeps on loving His Son because a major attribute of God is His immutability meaning He never changes.

Even as believers in Jesus Christ, we often operate outside of the plan of God when we attempt to take over the cockpit of our destiny due to our lack of or rejection of biblical truth.

God loves His Son and He gave His precious Son to an undeserving world; He freely gave what He loved the most to those most helpless and hopeless, who needed Him the most!

The Father's love is awe inspiring and nothing shy of truly amazing; He loved Jesus deeply, yet He gave Him the worst judgement that ever existed; even worse than the last judgement is the judgement of God's Son suffering on the Cross!

The plan of God always begins at the Cross of Christ.

Basic authority begins with free-will.

The crowd actually listened to the Lord Jesus without heckling Him at least, initially. *There was a schism or division every time the Lord presented His business card to the public.* Genuine miracles always get a reaction; either positive or negative.

The message of Jesus Christ and His grace always divides people.

When we stand for principles of truth, we cannot help but divide the human race.

If someone stands before a thousand people and communicates and there is no division among the listeners, he has said nothing of value.

The Lord Jesus was the most controversial person to ever walk the face of the earth.

Thinking precedes speaking.

Every miracle performed by the Lord Jesus is designed to focus on the message and the Messenger who brought it.