

“Having the Mind of Christ”

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Philippians 2:5-8

“Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example”

Mark Twain

A committed Christian lives a life that’s upside down compared to his non-Christian counterpart.

In God’s economy, the cross must always come before the crown!

Without risk, there is no reward.

Real faith is nonetheless, commitment to the object of my faith, the One whose purpose for me is much greater than

I would have chosen for myself.

Christians believe that Jesus Christ is who He claimed to be.

We cannot think in our soul with things that are outside of our soul; just as we cannot use the information in a textbook until it has been transferred to our mind, where it is useable.

Believers have to be taught academically under strict concentration and discipline; there is no other way to get it.

Production in the Christian life is a valid function but only as a result of growth, never the means.

We are to live like royalty, think like royalty and function like royalty because we are “in Christ Jesus.”

The mature believer must have a mental attitude like that of our Lord Jesus Christ as He glorified God the Father on earth, facing greater pressure than we will ever know.

Success demands occupation with

Jesus Christ and sharing the happiness of God as the basic principles of living grace support, by which the believer crosses no man’s land, facing great angelic and human pressure.

The essence of Jesus Christ before the incarnation is the essence of God;

He was, is and always will be eternal God.

There never was a time when

Jesus Christ did not preexist creation and coexist with God the Father.

Jesus Christ became humanity to be our Savior but before He became humanity and during the course of His humanity, He was, always has been and always will be eternal God.

The fact that Jesus Christ existed before creatures and that He is the Creator of creatures, indicates that He is God.

When it says that God is One, it refers to the fact that God is one essence but there are three Persons that have this essence and therefore, we have *YHWH/Jehovah*, translated: *God*.

Jesus Christ has 4 types of appearances:

1. A theophany before the incarnation;

2. The incarnation, First Advent;
3. A Christophany, post-resurrection appearances;
4. The Second Advent, His final appearance in history in which He will be on the earth for 1,000 yrs.

Jesus Christ didn't have to steal

His place in Heaven, He always had it; He always was God.

The omniscience and mental attitude of God the 2nd person of the Trinity, was positive toward the plan of God the Father, even though it involved the humiliation of being made lower than angels as the last Adam.

The mental attitude of Jesus Christ in submission to the Father's plan of the First Advent must become the mental attitude of the greater-grace believer.

- 1) Innocent man in the Garden became a sinner and spir/dead *Gen 3:6*.
- 2) The woman before the fall didn't have a womb, she received a womb and became a child bearer *Gen 3:16*.
- 3) Eternal God, the second person of the Trinity, became the man, Christ Jesus; *Heb 10:5-10*.
- 4) Sinful man through faith in Jesus Christ becomes a regenerate member of the family of God *Titus 3:5*.
- 5) The Royal family in time (temporal), by the daily intake of the Word, changes from spiritual babies to mature believers.
- 6) An eternal metamorphosis; the royal family in eternity will have a resurrection body minus the sin nature, human good, evil and the Lake of Fire.