

“Having the Mind of Christ”

Part 2

Philippians 2:5-8

1st John 1:5

“Ministry that costs nothing, accomplishes nothing.”

John Henry Jowett

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

If you don’t seek the wisdom of God,

you will be a product of the foolishness of this world by default.

We are to think and have the same attitude and it’s not something we develop independently; we have a standard.

So, to understand the thinking of Jesus Christ, we have to understand who Jesus is and the Words Jesus spoke and gave to the Holy Spirit.

The living Word gave us the written Word and it’s His mind, so that’s why we study it.

We must take our cues from the incarnate Christ by surrendering our rights, practicing obedience to God, humbling ourselves as servants and all the while maintaining an eternal perspective.

Biblical truth is the thinking of God:

evil is the thinking of Satan and there is always a struggle for the soul between truth and evil.

However, a little bit of wisdom in the heart is worth a vast amount of information in the mind; for it’s only the information you have in your heart that orients you to life for advancement.

We cannot grow spiritually on simply what we know, we can only grow spiritually on what we understand.

The greatest malfunction in Bible study is the failure to transfer truth from the mind to the heart through the ministry of the filling of the Holy Spirit.

A miracle is an event that appears unexplainable by the laws of nature, being supernatural or extra-natural in origin, it’s an act of God or permitted by God in certain instances.

He intends for us to use our freewill every day because the purpose and secret to life is what we have in our soul, by way of truth.

God assumes that once we have it in writing in the Word of God, we’re ready for facts; so instead of focus on miracles.

It’s not the miracle performed but the content of the message that accompanies the miracle.

Many would say Jesus’ resurrection after His death on the cross was His greatest miracle.

The reason Jesus’ death and resurrection have such meaning is not because resurrection is the greatest miracle; it’s because His death and resurrection followed the miracle that is truly the greatest of all: the virgin conception and birth leading to His incarnation.

Christmas reminds us of God's greatest miracle; that it's a time to worship the One who humbled Himself to become a baby, that He might lift us up from bondage and take us with Him on to glory.

At no time, do we feel our limitations more than when we're confronted with the responsibility of accurately recognizing the essence of God and yet it's revealed to be understood.

We are totally dependent upon divine revelation of Scripture to understand the invisible, immaterial, unlimited essence of God.

All the attributes of divine essence are resident in God but all are not manifest at the same time as illustrated by light.

Certain conditions bring out certain aspects of the essence of God; all of the characteristics are always there (just like in a ray of light) but at certain times, certain ones are evident and others are not.

Light contains 3 properties:

1. Actinic which can neither be seen nor felt, a perfect illustration of the Father;
2. Luminiferous is both seen and felt, a perfect illustration of God the Son;
3. Calorific (heat) which can be felt but is not seen, a perfect illustration of God the Holy Spirit.

"One" is a numerical adjective and it must have a modifier; it modifies the essence of God, not the persons of God.

Mankind possesses the essential elements of personality and is capable of expressing them within a limited sphere but God is the embodiment and source of these essential elements which He exercises in the sphere of infinity, to a limitless degree.