

## "The Mind of Christ"

Text: Philippians 2:5-11

### ➤ Introduction:

- This morning we want to see what Paul, the Apostle was talking about when he said "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."
- This is very important because he is speaking to the Christian.
- Paul said basically the same thing in 1 Cor. 2:16, "For who hath know the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But **we have the mind of Christ.**"
- Paul is saying if you are saved, blood bought Christian then you have the **mind of Christ.**
- He is saying, "Let this mind" or "Allow".
  - You see the flesh fights the Spirit and sometimes hinders what the **Holy Spirit** wants to do.
- But Paul says "Christian **let this mind** be in you."
- The words of God say in Romans 12:2, "**...be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,...**"
  - You see we as Christians are to have the mind of Christ not the world.
- Together, let us look at the mind of Christ Jesus in our passage, so we can know the mind we should have.
- A. "This mind" - v. 5
  - Plainly referring to the attitude which Jesus Christ had toward service and obedience.
  - We see this in verses 7-8.
- B. V. 6 - Tells us who Jesus is.
  - 1) "Who being in the form of God"
    - Christ was God manifested or revealed in the flesh
    - Christ was the visible and physical manifestation of God to the world.
    - Christ was the one who filled the universe and still fills it today.
    - Christ is not only "the form of God" but also He is the "image of God"
    - The words of God say in 2 Cor. 4:4 - "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is **the image of God**, should shine unto them."
  - 2) V. 6 - "...thought it not robbery to be equal with God:"
    - Why did Christ think this?
    - Because was already God, He did not have to steal it.
    - The Lord Jesus Christ as the second person of the Trinity is equal with God the Father.
  - a) Christ professes equality with God, the Father while on this earth.

- When the Jews asked Jesus, "Art thou greater than our father Abraham?"
  - Jesus answers then in John 8:58, "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am.**"
  - Jesus claimed to be the "I am" who spoke to Moses from the burning bush in the Book of Exodus.
  - Jesus said in John 10:30, "I and *my* Father are one."
  - Christ never refused to let people worship Him as God Almighty, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and ending.
- b) Christ never told anyone to get off their knees if that person was worshipping Him.
- Examples:
  - Mt. 14:33 - "Then they that were in the ship came and **worshipped him**, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God."
    - Notice Jesus did not tell them to stop.
  - Mt. 28:9 - "And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and **worshipped him.**"
- In comparison notice what the Apostle Peter said to Cornelius when he began to worship Peter.
  - Acts 10:25-26, "And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and **worshipped him**. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man."
  - In John 20:28, notice what the Apostle Thomas said to Jesus - "And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God."
    - Notice Jesus did not refute what Thomas said.
- c) Christ was and is the Creator
  - John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."
  - Colossians 1:16-17, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."