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Introduction

In Philippians 2:5 it says, **“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”** In many of the English Bibles today, they do not give us the correct translation from the Greek and Hebrew to English. Therefore, many Christians do not have victory in their lives. They have all kinds of ideas and doctrines that keep them from knowing and understanding the truth.

Many teachings today take what it says in Philippians 2:5 and add it to what it says in 1 Corinthians 2:16 and say, **“You have the mind of Christ.”** In Philippians 2:5 the word “mind” is translated from the Greek word “phroneo,” meaning “attitude.” Whereas in 1 Corinthians 2:16, the word “mind” is translated from the Greek word “nous,” meaning “the intellect, the mind itself.”

As a born again Christian, we all have the mind of Christ, that is within our New Creature in Christ. The mind of Christ is present at all times. That does not mean our thoughts and intellect always agree with Christ. It only means that within our New Creature in Christ the mind of Christ abides. The mind of Christ is in us, being that we are in Christ and Christ abides in us (2 Cor. 5:17). We can draw on the mind of Christ and operate according to the mind of Christ if we are led by the Holy Spirit. But, if we walk after the flesh, which is according to the mind of the natural man, we are not in agreement with the mind of Christ which is in us.

It is important to understand that even though we have the mind of Christ, we do not normally operate from the mind of Christ. We still have the natural body of flesh and bones. We are still a living soul (which includes our natural mind). Therefore, the Scripture says in Romans 12:2, **“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God..”** It is our responsibility to become transformed by renewing of our mind. If we do not do what it tells us in Romans 12:2, we will easily be defeated by the Devil, even though we are born again Christians, “in Christ.” God did His part, but the renewing of our mind is our part.

Also, being that we are still in a body of flesh and bones, 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 tells us, **“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh... (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)...Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ...And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”** If we do not control our thoughts in our minds, Satan will. God is not going to do it for us. It is our responsibility to bring our thoughts in agreement with the knowledge of God which is given to us in the written Word of God.

The inspired written Word of God is given to us by God. The Holy Spirit inspired men to write the Word of God so that He could use it to teach us all things (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21). Even though the Word of God is written in mans language, it is not always understood by man. For it is written in a way that it must be discerned and taught by God. Even Satan does not always understand the written Word of God. In 2 Corinthians 2:7.8 it says, **“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory...Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”** Had the demonic spirits known what was already written, they would not have crucified Jesus. It was already written, but they did not understand what was written.

Men teaching from the written Word of God without the help of the Holy Spirit will many times teach things that are not true. The natural man does not understand the true meaning of the

inspired written Word of God. Therefore, it must be **“spiritually discerned by the Holy Spirit”** (1 Cor. 2:4-14).

If we submit to the teaching of the Holy Spirit, we will understand what God is telling us as Christians. Then, we can draw on the “intellect” (the mind of Christ), which is within us and have victory over all the works of the Devil in our lives. Victory over the works of the Devil can only come when we have the same attitude as God has, which was in Jesus Christ.

Jesus had the attitude of God the Father, for He had the mind of Christ, and lived according to the mind of Christ. In other words, Jesus never did His own will of the flesh. He only did the will of God the Father, no matter what others thought about what He did. Jesus did not let the thoughts of men control what He did. Jesus did not go according to the thoughts that came to His mind from the wrong source (demonic realm). Jesus only went according to the “Word of God” (as He received it from God), which was established from the foundation of the world.

God’s Word was forever established, even before the foundation of the world. In John 1:1 it tells us that the Word of God is God. In 1 John 5:7 it tells us the Word of God is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Word of God created all things (John 1:3). The Word of God abides forever (1 Peter 1:25).

In order to live by the mind of Christ, which is in every born again Christian, we must be led by the Holy Spirit, and not by the natural mind of the flesh. When we were born into this world, we were born of the flesh. Jesus said in John 3:6, **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”** These are two births. The first one is in Adam, and the second one is in Christ. The first one is the natural man and the second one is the spiritual man. The first one is born in the likeness of Adam, and the second one is born in the likeness of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (1 Cor. 15:45-49).

Christians have two lives within them. They have soul life which is called “psuche” in the Greek. We also have spirit life, which is called “zoe” in the Greek. Adam did not have “spirit life–zoe.” Adam only had “psuche–soul life.”

Before Jesus came into this world, He had “zoe–spirit life.” When Jesus was born into this world of the Holy Spirit and Mary (woman), He took upon Himself “psuche–soul life.” Jesus then had both, soul life–psuche, and spirit life–zoe.

Jesus, who remained God with the Father and the Holy Spirit in the Spirit, also became man in the flesh (Phil. 2:7; Heb. 2:14). Jesus had two lives, spirit life–zoe and soul life–psuche.

When Christians become born again of the Word and the Spirit they have two lives (soul life–psuche and spirit life–zoe). When Jesus died on the Cross of Calvary, it was His soul life–psuche that died in our place (with our sins and iniquities laid upon Him (2 Cor. 5:21). Jesus did not die spiritually as some teach. Jesus was raised again in His spirit life–zoe. In His spirit life–zoe, Jesus was raised as “Christ” the “Head of the Body of Christ.” When Christians die they give up their “soul life–psuche” but retain their “spirit life–zoe,” “in Christ.”

Once Christians understand the truth concerning man in Adam and man in Christ, they will be able to overcome the works of the Devil in their lives and walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh (Rom. 8:1-8). The difference between walking after the flesh or walking after the Spirit is, what is our attitude? Do we have the same attitude as Jesus Christ, or is our attitude still like that of Adam? It is our attitude that determines what happens in our lives here on earth and when we leave this earth. Therefore, in Philippians 2:5 it says, **“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”** That is to say, **“Let this (attitude) be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”**

Understanding the New Testament

The New Testament is written for the benefit of Christians. Even though the whole world can read the New Testament, it is of no avail to them unless they are born again Christians. The Children of Israel had a covenant with God, called the Old Covenant. God worked with great signs and wonders among the Children of Israel. But, that covenant was not based upon the fact that they were Children of Israel, but rather it was based upon "*their attitude toward God.*" If they believed the Word of God, God helped them. When they did not believe the Word of God, and went their own way, God could not help them.

This should be an example for Christians today. If we believe the Word of God, God will deliver and protect us. But, if we go our own way (the way of the flesh), God cannot help us.

First we must know the truth concerning who God is and who man is? We must also know God, and not just know about God. Many Christians know a lot about God, but they still do not truly know God as their GOD.

Satan has blinded the minds of many Christians today with the doctrines and teachings of men. Many Christians are double minded in what they believe. Those who are double minded will sometimes receive from God, but most of the time they will be defeated in their lives because of their attitude.

The mind of man is the seat of all intellect, reasoning, knowledge, and understanding. The mind of man is the principle part of the soul of man. Man is a living soul, and the mind of man enables the soul of man to function. Those who are not in their right mind have many difficulties in life.

All the difficulties in the lives of people have to do with what Satan has done to mankind. The souls of people became corrupted when Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden. Therefore, it is necessary for people to become born again and receive the mind of Christ in the spirit of Christ.

When a person becomes born again, they receive the mind of Christ (in their spirit), which is able to set them free of the corruption in the mind of the flesh (in the soul). In contrast to the mind of the flesh and the mind of Christ, you will notice in 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 it tells us that in heaven our minds will no longer be corrupted. Even our physical bodies will no longer be mortal. Mortality and corruption are works of the Devil, and in heaven there will not be any works of the Devil. In heaven we will be like Jesus Christ Himself. We will be man and God joined together in one new creature, "Christ." Christians will be above the angels, and "far above" the Devil and all his demons. The angels will still be in heaven, but the Devil and his demons will be in hell.

This alone should inspire Christians to know the Truth and walk in the Truth everyday of their lives here on earth. Once a Christian understands the New Testament it will help them to do what it says to do in Colossians 3:1,2. It says, "**If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God...Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.**"

This earth will pass away, but we will live forever. Where will we spend eternity? It will all depend upon our attitude, what is our attitude toward the Word of God? Is the Word of God True? Is the Word of God the TRUTH?

TWO ATTITUDES

Attitudes come from thoughts. Thoughts enter the minds of people and they develop the attitudes of people. God thinks before He does things. God's thoughts establish His attitude. As an example, in Genesis 1:26 it says, **“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”** God thought about what He wanted to do, and then God did what He thought to do. Being that God is the Creator of all things, He has the ability to come up with original thoughts. Being that God is GOD, God can write His thoughts in our minds and in our hearts. In Hebrews 8:10 it says, **“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.”** Laws are thoughts. God's laws are God's thoughts.

Satan, the Devil is also “a god” (2 Cor. 4:4). Satan puts his thoughts in the minds of living creatures. As an example, animals kill other animals because of the thoughts in their minds. In Romans 8:20 it says, **“For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope.”** This is the condition of all of creation since sin and death came into this world. But that is not what God has planned for man or the creatures. Romans 8:21 says, **“Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”** In Isaiah 11:6,7 it says, **“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them...And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.”**

Satan, the Devil, puts his thoughts in the minds of people. If people follow the thoughts that Satan puts in their minds they will be subject to Satan and he will control what happens in their lives. The attitudes of people are determined by the thoughts in their minds. Those who receive the thoughts of God will have the attitude of God. Those who receive the thoughts of the Devil will have the attitude of the Devil.

The more thoughts a person receives and follows the more their attitude will be like God or the Devil. God is for life and living. Satan is for death and dying. God is the Creator and Satan is the destroyer.

Man is not “a god.” Therefore, man is subject to whomsoever he submits to, God or the Devil. Submission to one or the other is according to the thoughts that are received in their minds. If we receive the thoughts of God, we will have the attitude of God. If we receive the thoughts of the Devil we will have the attitude of the Devil. Therefore, if we reject the thoughts that come from the Devil, we will automatically receive the thoughts that come from God. If we reject the thoughts that come from God, we will automatically receive the thoughts that come from the Devil.

As an example, spoken words produce thoughts. Adam first heard the words spoken to him by the LORD God concerning the trees in the garden. Then Adam heard the words spoken to him by Eve, concerning the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:17). Adam rejected the thought that the LORD gave him when he was told, **“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die”** (Gen. 2:17). Adam received the words spoken to him by Eve, and he ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

The words that the LORD God spoke to Adam produced thoughts that entered Adam's mind. The words that Eve spoke to Adam also produced thoughts that entered Adam's mind. The choice was up to Adam, which thoughts he would receive and which thoughts he would reject?

Words that are spoken come from thoughts. The thought comes first, then the words follow. Before anyone speaks, they need to control their thoughts. God controls His words by controlling His thoughts. When our words agree with the thoughts that come from God, our attitude will be the same as the attitude of God. When our words agree with the thoughts of the Devil, our attitude will be the same as the attitude of the Devil.

Some people have the attitude of killing and destroying. These attitudes come from the god of this world, who is a destroyer of all that is good. Others have the attitude of love and helping others. These attitudes come from God, who is love, and is for all that is good.

Thoughts produce attitudes. Thoughts that come from God produce attitudes like that of God. That is why the Scriptures tell us, in Philippians 2:5, **"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."** That is to say, **"Let this (attitude) be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."**

Jesus knew something that Christians should know. Jesus knew that all thoughts come from God or the Devil. Jesus knew that the only way to fulfill the call of God on His life was to have the same attitude as the Father has.

As an example, in the Gospel of John Jesus said many things about Himself and the Father. Following are some of the statements Jesus made concerning Himself and the Father.

Jesus said, **"I can of mine own self do nothing"** (John 5:30). **"I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father"** (John 5:30). **"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me"** (John 4:34). **"The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do"** (John 5:19). **"I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things"** (John 8:28). **"I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him"**(John 8:26). **"I speak that which I have seen with my Father"** (John 8:38). **"I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me"** (John 6:38). **"I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak"** (John 12:49). **"Whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak"** (John 12:50). **"The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works"** (John 14:10). **"My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me"** (John 7:16).

This is the attitude that every Christian should have. When we have the attitude that Jesus had, we will have the attitude of God. The attitude of God within us is subject to the thoughts that come from God. When we submit to God's thoughts we will have God's attitude.

GOD'S WORD IS GOD'S THOUGHTS

In John 6:63, Jesus said, **“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”** This verse of Scripture has two meanings. First, it explains what Jesus was saying concerning Him being **“the Bread of life”** (John 6:48). It explains what Jesus meant when He spoke Words, saying, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you...Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day”** (John 6:53,54). In John 6:63, it explains that Jesus was not talking about eating His physical Body, or drinking His liquid Blood. Jesus was talking about the Words that He spoke. Words are spirit, and the words that Jesus spoke to those who followed Him produced eternal life.

Jesus had the attitude of God the Father. When we follow Jesus we will have the attitude of Jesus. When we have the attitude of Jesus we will also have everlasting life. God's attitude is the opposite of those who follow the attitude of Satan. They have the attitude of everlasting death in hell. God is for life. The Devil is for death.

When the Holy Spirit inspired men to write the Scriptures, He had them write God's thoughts, which is God's Word. God's Word reproduces God's thoughts in our minds. With God's thoughts in our minds, we can receive them and they will produce God's attitude in us. With God's attitude in us we will become like Jesus. Not only like Jesus, having the same attitude, but also One with Jesus in Christ. Christ, being the Head of the Body and we being the Body of Christ. The Head and the Body together make up the complete Man, God and man joined together in one body (the Body of Christ). By this, we are joint-heirs with Christ, joined together with Christ in one spiritual body, the Body of Christ. It is the Body of Christ that will spend eternity with Christ in the heavens. Those who are a part of the Body of Christ will spend eternity where the Head of the Body of Christ spends eternity. This is the opposite of those who do not reject the thoughts that come from the Devil. Therefore, we must learn to reject the thoughts that come from the Devil, and receive the thoughts that come from God.

Words are spirit. Words produce life or death. Proverbs 18:21 says, **“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”** Words are spirit, they can produce life or death.

Words are spoken from thoughts. If we receive the thoughts that came from God's Word, we will be speaking life. If we speak the thoughts that come from the Devil, we will be speaking death.

Many times death is the end result of sickness. Sickness is not of God, it is of the Devil. Therefore, being that words are spirit, Isaiah 33:24 says, **“And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.”** Saying **“I am sick,”** gives glory to the Devil. Glorifying the Devil is agreeing with the Devil. Agreeing with the Devil is disagreeing with God. Disagreeing with God is sin and iniquity.

When Christians stop disagreeing with the Word of God, and stop glorifying the Devil, **“they will be forgiven...”** Once they are forgiven, they can recover themselves from the snare of the Devil and be restored to health and righteousness in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God is light. The words of the Devil are darkness. Therefore, 1 John 1:5-7 says, **“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all...If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth...But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have**

fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

Being that God is Light, and Light has power over Darkness, when we walk in the light of God’s Word the powers of the Devil are destroyed. When the power of the Devil is destroyed, the power of God manifests. There are only two powers in all of creation. There is the power of God, and the power of the Devil. Man submits himself to one of the two powers. When we submit to either one, they become our master and we become their servants. In Romans 6:16 it says, **“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”**

In Matthew 12:36,37, Jesus said, **“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment...For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”** By the words we speak we shall be condemned or we shall be justified. But, remember, Jesus said, **“...in the day of Judgment...”** Therefore, if we repent of the words we spoke before the day of judgment, we will not give an account for the words we repented of. That means, in the case of Isaiah 33:24, if we stop saying **“...I am sick,”** and start speaking **“I am healed,”** by our words we will be healed and healthy.

It is our words that condemn us, and it is our words that justify us. (Note: in short, the word “justify” means “just as if I.”). Therefore, before the day of judgment, if we change the words we have been speaking, to the Words of God, we will be justified, “just as if we had never spoken words that do not agree with the Word of God.” When we change our words to God’s Words, the Word of God will be in control of what we say.

The Word of God speaks those things that are not as though they were. That is the results of God’s creative power. God first speaks His Word, and it comes to pass. In Genesis, Chapter One, it keeps telling us, **“God said....and it was so.”** In Hebrews 11:3 it says, **“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”** In Romans 4:17 it says, **“...God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.”**

God’s Word has creative power. What God says, comes to pass. When we speak God’s Word it brings to pass whatsoever we say. **“Life and Death are in the power of the tongue...”** What we say comes to pass. If we say we are sick, we will be sick. If we say we are well, we will be well.

All healing of our bodies was completed on the Cross, when Jesus bore all our sicknesses and diseases in His own body for us. At that time, **“by His stripes we were healed”** (1 Peter 2:24). That means, God’s Word is true and we are already healed.

The Devil has the world believing his words, not God’s Word. We are living in the world with people who are believing the Devil’s words, by receiving the Devil thoughts. The thoughts that they receive become the words that they speak. Words are spirit, and they produce what is said or spoken.

If Christians will keep hearing God’s Word and speaking God’s Word they will destroy the works of the Devil in their lives and the lives of others around them. Words are spirit, and they produce results in the spiritual realm. What happens in the spiritual realm shows up in the natural realm.

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