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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS

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SCRIPTURE READING: **PHILIPPIANS 2:1-7**

Philippians 2:5, Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the December 12, 2021 Evening Message for the Background.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. You may recall, we have previously spoken from this great book and talked about Christian living at its finest.
- b. We know that **Philippians 1:21** is a summary of the entire first chapter, "**For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**"
- c. The theme of **Philippians chapter 2 is in verse 5, Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.**
- d. We want to reflect on what it means to have the mind of Christ.
 1. If we are to have the mind of Christ we are to **be humble** displaying humility. **1 Peter 5:5, Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.**
 2. In addition to that if we are to have the mind of Christ we must **walk worthy of the vocation.** **Ephesians 4:1, I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.**
 3. In order to have the mind of Christ we must get over our hang-ups and present circumstances and become like-minded with one another. **Philippians 4:2, I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.**" And **Galatians 5:16, This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**
 4. In order to have the mind of Christ we must **be concerned about lost souls.** **Philippians 1:12-14, But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; 13: So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; 14: And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.**
 5. Jesus has given us the Great Commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Paul speaks of the furtherance of the Gospel and challenges us to be bold, speak "**What Thus said the Lord**" without fear.
 6. **Unless we do that here in our local church, we certainly cannot have the mind of Christ.**
 7. In order to have the mind of Christ we must **be obedient.** We as believers must learn how to be obedient to the Word of God and stay in the will of God. I have stressed many times that the believer does not have a sin problem "Jesus Christ paid it all" however, we do have an obedience problem. **Philippians 2:8, And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 1 Samuel 15:22, And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.**

3. SEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- a. **If there be therefore any consolation in Christ.**

1. **Philippians 2:1, If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,**
 2. "If" is a word that can be used as a conditional clause if you will, you will find it used many times by Apostle Paul.
 3. Paul is a very logical thinker and when we think logically, we can understand Paul's writings if we have been saved and born again.
 4. A reminder is that no prophesy of Scripture is of any private interpretation. **2 Peter 1:20-21, Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21: For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**
 5. I must remind you that the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God neither can he know them. **1 Corinthians 2:14, But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**
 6. He goes on to tell us that "**if any comfort of love;**"- the Lord Jesus does in fact comfort us with His love.
 7. "**if any bowels and mercies,**" - it is by His mercy and His grace that we can come to know Him as personal Saviour and have the ability to live the abundant life. Remember we stand in the righteousness of Christ. **Romans 3:22, Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:**
- b. Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love.**
1. **Philippians 2:2, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**
 2. Even though the Apostle Paul is in prison, he is rejoicing in the Lord. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Rejoice evermore. 17: Pray without ceasing. 18: In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**
 3. **We need to learn how to rejoice in the Lord at all times regardless of what the circumstances might be. Philippians 4:4-8, Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. 5: Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6: Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7: And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8: Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.**
 4. He challenges us to be like-minded which is so true as we find the greatest explosion of growth in the church is when there was like-mindedness. **Acts 2:1, And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 47: Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. 1 Corinthians 1:10, Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.**
 5. **There can be no schism in the body, no friction between the members if God is going to continue to bless the work here at Chesswood Baptist Church. 1 Corinthians 12:25, That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.**
 6. Paul wanted them to be of one mind; he is not asking them to be a carbon copy of each other, **he is asking for them to be in unity and let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Psalm 133:1, Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!**
 7. Just allow the pastor to do God's will as the under-shepherd attempting to lead God's work. **Proverbs 29:18, Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.**
 8. Paul reminds us in **Philippians 2:5, Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:** This allows us to have differences; we need to respect each other's opinion and we need to understand there are ten thousand ways to do it and ten thousand ways to do it correctly.
 9. **In the final analysis we need to be on one accord.** Our communication channel must be

effective and efficient at all times. We must not allow gossip to interrupt the communication process.

c. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory.

1. **Philippians 2:3, Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.**
2. The Apostle Paul has mentioned this before.
3. He said there were some people preaching Christ out of envy and strife.
4. **When we rightly divide the Word of Truth, there should not be any doctrinal differences among us.**
5. **If we are doing things in strife and vainglory in the church then we are not following the mind of Christ.**
6. Notice what Paul tells us in the rest of that verse, **"but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."**
7. Perhaps this is one of the greatest lessons we could learn to obey; **to have the mind of Christ we must live not for ourselves but for others. 1 Corinthians 6:12, All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Romans 14:7, For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself**
8. If these verses were obeyed, I believe it would solve most of the problems in any local church in the country.
9. It would eliminate bad attitudes and cause us to pull together and not allow for any power struggle among Christians within the assembly.

d. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

1. **Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.**
2. Others is what we need to be concerned about. **Romans 14:7, For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.**
3. As we look truly at ourselves, we will absolutely be overwhelmed many times as to how self-centered we really are. The blaming game can be played but that does not excuse our actions.
4. "Others" is the key to this passage.
5. He is exhibiting the **mind of Christ** when Paul tells us to look not every man on his own things.
6. Paul's letter was very humbling in experience and when Christ came from Heaven's glory to the Earth, it was for others. **John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**
7. Jesus came and died on a lonely cross **for us. Hebrews 1:3, Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

e. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

1. **Philippians 2:5, Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**
2. Let's examine for a moment **the mind of Christ.**
3. What does it mean to have **the mind of Christ?**
 - a. We must be humble, having humility. **1 Peter 5:5, Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.**
 - b. We must walk worthy of the vocation. **Ephesians 4:1, I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,**
 - c. An explanation of this verse is **Ephesians 4:2, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;**
 - d. This is indeed **the mind of Christ.**
4. **You and I can be humble if we allow Jesus to continually fill us with the Holy Spirit. We must understand there is one baptism of the Holy Spirit that comes the moment of salvation. However, a deep search of the scriptures indicates that the believers were filled many times by the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5:18, And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;**
5. We develop hang-ups if we are brought up in such a way that we are not led by the Spirit of God. **Galatians 5:16, This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

Philippians 2:5, Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6. Why should we carry the Gospel Message to a lost and dying world?
7. **Because we are concerned about others and the Great Commission commands us to do so.**
8. **We should not allow people to die and go to hell without having the message of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**
9. If we allow this to happen, we certainly cannot have **the mind of Christ.**
10. The **mind of Christ** is the one thing that characterizes humility.
11. The Bible says Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to death. **Philippians 2:8, And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**
12. We will now look at **seven steps downward** that our Lord took to identify with mankind and purchase eternal salvation for us. This clearly shows **the mind of Christ.**
13. We must first be very clear about the Deity and the humanity of Christ. There is no question that He was 100% Divine and He was 100% human.
14. He took on humanity of mankind. **Hebrews 7:26, For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;**
15. He lived, went to the cross, died, bodily resurrected and ascended. Halleluiah!
16. Jesus fulfilled all of God's laws completely and God said of Him, **Matthew 3:17, And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**
17. In order to have **the mind of Christ** we must have humility.
18. The first step downward by our Lord demonstrated **the mind of Christ** is that **He left Heaven's glory.** He came down to Earth for you and me. If you were the only one on the face of the Earth, Jesus would have come and died for you.

f. Who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God.

1. The aforementioned verse constitutes the **first step** downward of our Lord. **Philippians 2:6, Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God;**
2. This is a confession; that Jesus who is seated at the right hand of the Father, makes on our behalf, there is no chance of His losing this position because He is indeed God. **John 10:30, I and my Father are one. John 14:9, Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?**
3. Jesus spoke, along with God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit to bring the world into existence. **Genesis 1:1, In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**
4. He came joyfully. **Hebrews 12:2, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**
5. He wanted to come to accomplish God's will. **Hebrews 10:7, Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.**

g. But made Himself of no reputation.

1. **Philippians 2:7, But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men;**
2. The **second step** downward is **He emptied Himself.(but made himself no reputation)**
3. There are those who say we cannot empty ourselves, but we can as we are filled with the Holy Spirit. This is sanctification which is progressive. **2 Peter 3:18, But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.**
4. He did not empty Himself of His Deity; He was just as Divine as He was in Glory.
5. He could have called twelve legions of angels at any time even as a babe lying in a manger. **Matthew 26:53, Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?**
6. His baptism, His going to the cross, His dying for your sin and mine; He humbled Himself and became obedient.
7. John writes about His Deity. **John 1:1-5, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2: The same was in the beginning with God. 3: All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4: In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5: And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness**

comprehended it not. 14: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

8. We can see the Lord Jesus Christ came to this Earth, emptied Himself not of Deity because He lived on the Earth with certain limitations that were self-limitations that He imposed on Himself in accordance with the will of the Heavenly Father.
9. He did empty Himself of the prerogatives of His Deity and was willing to suffer for sinful mankind.
10. **John 17:5, And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.** We would conclude that laid aside his Glory not his Deity.
11. The **third step** downward in having **the mind of Christ** is **He took upon Himself the form of a servant.**
12. What is a true servant like?
 - a. Jesus displayed and gave us an example of what a true servant is like.
 - b. He did not come as a conquering King but as a babe in a manger.
 - c. He came as a little man in order to do great things. **Isaiah 11:10, And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. Luke 1:32, He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:**
13. Jesus had to be born a Jew; He is to sit on the throne of David and rule and reign for a thousand years. God promised David there would be no end to his throne. **Luke 1:33, And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.**
14. The **fourth step** downward in having **the mind of Christ** is **He was made in the likeness of men.**
15. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, fulfilled all of God's requirements on mankind's behalf, suffered, died and went to the cross for our sins, bodily resurrected the third day, ascended into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of the Father.
16. He likened Himself in the form of man, He was tempted in the same way we are tempted in yet without sin. **1 Corinthians 10:13, There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.**
17. There was no sin in Him whatsoever. **2 Corinthians 5:21, For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 1 John 3:9, Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.** We must keep in mind Jesus came the first time to save the soul at the first phase of his second coming he will redeem the body.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Would you come to the Living Saviour today?
- b. He is ready to save your soul. The Bible indicates in **Matthew 11:28-29, Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Leviticus 17:11, For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.**
- c. **1 Kings 18:21, And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.**
- d. Truly the Lord Jesus Christ is God! He was God in the beginning, He was God in the manger, He was God in the Garden of Gethsemane and He was God on the cross, He is God as He rose from the grave, He is God as He sits at the right hand of the Father.
- e. Would you come to Jesus and accept Him as your personal Saviour?
- f. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
- g. Please Stand.

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