

Righteousness Class 4: The Mind of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:1-16 NKJV

“And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For **I determined** not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And **my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom**, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. 6 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 **But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.** 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But **the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them**, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” **But we have the mind of Christ.**”

- *The natural man operates only in the realm of the 5 senses*
- *The mind of Christ receives from the Spirit of God*

Romans 8:5-6 NKJV

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

- Setting our minds on the flesh is referred to as being carnally minded. The flesh involves our own selfish desires.
 - Genesis 3:6 NKJV “So when the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree **desirable to make one wise**, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”
- Setting our mind on the one who is within and letting spiritual things dominate us is being spiritually minded
- Our minds can be set both directions, flesh or spirit, life or death.

Side Note: You can choose what to set your mind on!

- Philippians 4:8 NKJV “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

Ephesians 1:15-22 NKJV

“Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him**, 18 **the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling**, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,”

- Notice that before Paul prays for your understanding, he prays for a spirit of Wisdom and Revelation. In order to walk in the mind of Christ we must first look to the spirit.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on **your own understanding**; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”

- He will give you a new understanding not based on your own intellect