

“Thinking Like Christ”

Romans 8:1-11

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#3-Worshipful Heart of Jesus

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Psalm 51:10, I Kings 15:3, Hebrews 10:22

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1 John 3:11-20

Mark 12:30, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength”

- Heart—center of the person, seat of emotions
- Soul—personality of the individual, who we are.
- Mind—decision making, center of the will
- Strength—your all, In Hebrew—“your very much”

In Creation, in Salvation, and in the Trinity, the Mind of Christ may relate mostly to the Father.

- God the Father decided, “Let us make man....”
- Father-God devised the plan of Salvation.
- In the Trinity, the Father wills community and oneness.

1. Surrendered Mind

Romans 8:5-7, “⁵Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; ⁷the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.”

Philippians 2:5-7a, “⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing,

Jesus surrendered to the Will of God for you.

- Death did not happen to Jesus.
- Jesus chose death for us.

Romans 12:1, “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

Having the Mind of Christ:

- We consciously choose to place our lives in Jesus’ hands.
- We willingly lay our lives down at the foot of the cross.

2. Renewed Mind

Renewed and transformed by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:9, “*You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.*”

Jesus came from heaven, but walked on this dusty earth.
He spent time in prayer, worship, and the renewing of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:11, “*For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.*”

Romans 12:1-2, “*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*”

3. Humbled Mind

Seeking to serve, seeking the good in others

Jesus came to seek and serve you.

Jesus gave His life for you.

Philippians 2:5-8, “*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!”*

Humility is not a virtue to be displayed like a trophy.

- Humility lifts up others.
- Humility encourages others.
- Humility is not distrustful of others.

Conclusion: Jesus never needed to change His mind for He never sinned.

Repent means to change your mind.

By the convicting, transforming power of God's Holy Spirit, we can turn from sin to God.

Memory Verse: “*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus*” –Philippians 2:5