Let This Mind Be In You

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Prayer

Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we come today to learn your word, we pray that you anoint us with greater understanding in our spirit man. Help us to know your heart as a Father and that which you want of us, in Jesus name I pray (Amen).

Introduction

You are all welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We would be looking into a crucial subject matter today as it affects virtually everyone in the body of Christ. This is why I would encourage us all to pay rapt attention even as the Lord Jesus Christ Himself takes all the control and glory.

Study

"Let this mind be in you" by this the Holy Spirit is speaking through Paul saying "let this attitude be in you." That means, there is a specific attitude expected of God's children and this we must be conscious of having manifest in us. The mind is the Central Processing Unit (CPU) of the actions of men, everything a man does consciously comes from his thinking faculty —the mind. Therefore we must let the same way Christ thought be in us that our actions can be guided by His examples, Jesus Christ is our perfect example, as such we must allow everything we do to be guided by Him, living out His lifestyle. We must draw our inspiration from Him and let His life rule us. We must look up to

Him in selfless humility. Jesus Christ must be emulated if we must live distinct lives.

The Lord Jesus Christ said in **Matthew 11:29 KJV** 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. Christ's yoke should be placed on us by ourselves, the yoke is His way of life which are things expected of Christians, these are Christian duties and obligations, of which we must carefully put to heart to do them that we might live in them. They may look to some as burdens that are heavy but it is light and not to be compared with that load Satan puts on the sinful soul—the load of sin. This is why Christ said that "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." **Matthew 11:30 KJV** Satan's yoke is hard and his burden is heavy. Those who would learn from Satan must be ready to do things that would put them into more and more bondage, putting them in shackles of sin, pressing them down and helpless under the bondage of sin that afflicts the soul, making such wretched and sick in torments; but we must learn from Christ "I am meek and lowly in heart" He says. These are the things we must carefully learn from His life, a soul that wants rest must seek rest from the Prince of Peace Himself.

We must learn from His humble nature, His Gentle character and employ ourselves into it. We must mortify our pride and passions. We must not be hot and hasty as teachers so as not to discourage those who are dull and slow, we should bear with them just the same way Christ did. There were different kinds of people among Christ's disciples, some were educated while others were not. He bore with them all, and gave them understanding even when they proved to be heedless and forgetful. We must therefore be taught by Him. **Psalm 25:9 KJV** The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach

his way. Those who are meek will be guided by Him and taught His ways.

Paul says let this mind be in you, this is the mind that did not make Christ please Himself but the Father, doing His Father's will always, the same should be of us, we are not to please ourselves but live to please Christ. **Romans 15:3 KJV** For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. Christ carried the reproach of those who reproached God on Himself. He accepted the reproach because He wanted to do His Father's will. In the same way, we must be ready to bear the reproach of those who reproach Christ, we must carry about the dying of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are those who say, "I can take any insult, the fact that I'm a Christian does not mean I'm foolish and do not know my right" . Well, you must know that as a Christian, you do not have any right in this world. We are to let the mind of Christ be in us too, a humble mind that is not after power, a mind that is not selfish and concerned about what it can get, rather than what it can give.

Philippians 2:6 KJV Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: In a clearer sense, He (Jesus Christ) being God Himself did not see Himself coming into this world as a way by which His divinity will be robbed from Him. He existed in the form of God, and the unchanging essence of God, He was One with Him, He possessed the fullness of all the Divine attributes of God. So being God Himself without any reservation He humbled Himself to come to the world. Jesus Christ was equal with God yet He had the mind to come into the world to save sinners and He did not consider this as an insult on His Divine nature and character, He did not claim equality with God saying "but We are One, no One is greater, why don't You (the Father) go into the world to die for this people?" He did not

say that to His Father but He humbled Himself, He did not think also that His coming into the world would be a way the Father wants to use to strip Him of His Divine character, nature, and essence, He was not selfish, He was selfless; now we are encouraged to have that same mind that do not take position as anything in us. A mind that does not dwell on assumptions; for better understanding;

What Mind Was In Christ Jesus That Should Be In Us?

1. **A mind that is not based on assumptions:** Christ did not assume that if he dropped His glory in heaven, it will be totally taken away from Him and He would not be able to get it back, He did not assume that God the Father wants to rob Him of His Divine essence, but He placed His mind on those He would save, not minding any form of assumption. He did not see it as a way God wants to use to take advantage of Him but He surrendered all for the sake of humanity. This is the same mind we are expected to have, we must not think that when we give ourselves over to God's service in humility of mind, the glory would be taken away from us. As husbands, giving ourselves to the services of our wives do not in any way rob us of our headship in the home. If Christ could give Himself over to the church, we must also do so to our wives, not assuming that if we come down from the place of honor where we think we are then we would be robbed of it.

Some men of God already have an assumption in their minds that when they sit in the midst of the congregation within the church they will not be honored by the members, they think sitting among the members is a way to be robbed of their honor, this is not the mind of Christ. Too much assumption does more harm than good. In fact, when you assume you make an ASS of U and ME— assume.

2. **A mind that makes itself of no reputation:** Reputation is the overall quality or character seen or judged by people in general. Christ made Himself of no reputation, this implies that despite His divine character of being all in all, despite being God, He made Himself as someone who did not even have the Divine character, not seeing Himself as God but took upon himself the form of a servant. **Philippians 2:7 KJV** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

It is interesting to note that some versions call it "bondservant" for adequate understanding. Indeed Christ took on the form of a bondservant. A bondservant is a slave, what Christ did was bring Himself to the point of a slave. A servant can receive payment for the job done and may not depending on the agreement, but a bondservant does not receive pay/wages because he's a slave. So a bondservant is worse than a servant and since Jesus Christ did not have the mind to receive payments, He is best referred to as a bondservant. That is how far He went to make Himself of no reputation. And this is the kind of mind we are told to be in us. A mind that does not pride in its position, a mind that is not concerned about who it is, where it has gotten to, what he has achieved, but a mind that looks upon Himself as nobody. Jesus Christ who is God in full came in the likeness of a man, there can be nothing as demeaning to someone who possessed such divine character as that. See what was said about Him. **Psalm 22:6 KJV** But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. He said, "but I am a worm and no man" In fact, even among men He became "no man" Christ lost all for the sake of man, He became a reproach of men and despised of the people, all because He dropped His reputation coming in the likeness of Man.

This is the same mind that should be in us, we should not count our reputation as anything, we should not be afraid of being a normal someone that can be despised and reproached by men, we should see ourselves as nobody. That is the mind that should be in us. We should not rate ourselves higher than others or feel that we are better than them, it is pitiful that there are those who cannot relate with those around them because they feel that they are not in the same level, they find it hard to do away with their reputations, they only relate with those who they believe are up to their standards, this set of people do not have the mind of Christ, some even do not allow their children to walk or play with people around them, because they believe they can contact poverty from these people, this is not the mind of Christ.

We are commanded to have the mind of Christ in us, we should know that we are to live without reputation, that is, not placing any value on our reputation and not minding what shame, reproach, and insult we would receive because of that. **Hebrews 2:17 KJV** Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. In all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren. This is the word we must put in our hearts, we must come down to the level of others for their own good, not exalting ourselves.

3. **A mind that is filled with humility:** We are to possess humble minds, for humility starts from the mind. **Philippians 2:8 KJV** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. There was continued ability in Christ, even as He walked on the surface of the Earth. Christ being found in terms of His outward appearance as a man, had the nature and characters of a man, He still humbled Himself and obeyed His Father. Lowly and

down-to-earth, He walked upon the earth carrying the human form about as someone who never had a divine nature just like humans. This is He whom we must learn from, for He is meek and lowly in heart. That is to tell us that His humility started from His heart. A man can look physically humble but proud in the heart. God looks at the heart of men and He knows those who are proud **Proverbs 16:5 KJV** Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord : though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. He says those who are proud in heart will not go unpunished.

If we exhibit humility physically, does it come from our hearts? Some will prostrate to greet people but their hearts are standing, things not done from the heart is useless. God wants the mind of Christ to be in us, Christ was down-to-earth right from His heart. We should let that be in our mind always. Those who exhibit humility right from their hearts are sincere and are Christ-like.

4. **A mind of obedience:** The Lord Jesus Christ possessed an obedient mind, being found in the appearance of a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to His Father, He was not in any way disobedient, saying but they are equal so why should He obey Him. But He obeyed His Father, following His instructions and doing His will, not only was He obedient when it was convenient for Him. He obeyed when it was not also convenient to the point of death, dying a criminal's death on the cross, despite that He knows that will be what would finally become of Him, yet He went ahead because it is His Father's will. The Lord in His total obedience to His Father while on Earth in the agony of His flesh at Gethsemane, He went into prayers three times to see if His dying on the cross can be averted but during His prayers He kept saying let the will of the Father be done.

The will of the Father was for Him to pass through the cross, tortured, suffer, and afflicted for the sake of man, this was not

easy for Him but He sought after obeying the Father and died on that Cross in full submission and obedience. That is the mind we are expected to have, the mind that obeys God in full, when it is easy for us or not. Some people only obey when they find it convenient, the Lord did not do like that. Assuming He was to do so when convenient for Him then He would not have died because it was not convenient for Him yet in His obedience to His Father's will He surrendered all. **Isaiah 1:19 KJV** If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

This is the mind that is expected to be in us too, do we possess such minds? If not, we have to cry to the Lord to help us in channeling our minds to being like Christ, we should begin to make conscious efforts to have this kind of Life Christ lived which later gave Him a name above all names. **Philippians 2:9 KJV** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: those whom God will make greater than others must become lesser than others. The key to greatness is humility. In our obedience to the Lord we must be willing to do what He says and not just sluggishly obey Him. We should not value our reputation more than Christ, and also not be held under the grip of assumptions which are mostly costly. May the Lord help us to keep the mind of Christ.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven. Please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Saviour, I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today and I make a decision to obey and follow You, come into my life now, and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen.

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