For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. I Corinthians 2:16

Mind of Christ or Mind of Self?

Where is the mind of Christ, today?

There is only one of two answers that can be given:

- 1) Christ is in us so we have Him thinking for us and He speaks to us through our heart and feelings thus having Christ 'in us,' if we are spiritual enough by our own goodness, etc. then we will transfer our thinking to His thinking. We would then have no need for any Bible all of them would be a help as Christ would guide us through our own studies of over 1000 various versions hopefully learning more and more about the originals through our knowledge of Greek or from pastors who claim to understand it all of course because God will show the deep truths only to those pastors or people who are blessed because of their wonderful life of love and tolerance.
- 2) Since 1611, a King James Bible was made available to us as the mind of Christ! The more we read and understand the KJB through rightly dividing, then the understanding is simple. We then learn how to think as Christ would think. The Spirit of God would guide us through the 'living' Scriptures IF we read them with understanding. As we learn what it is our mind is to do, etc. we would learn that through our own reading, studying and meditating on the words of Paul as we can learn about the past, present and future from Genesis to Revelation in a 1611 KJB.

Let's take a closer look at the 'mind of Christ.

Today's modern 'think they are Christian Christians' believe they are thinking directly from the mind of Christ because they are told they have Christ 'in' them.

They will be quick to defend themselves by saying, "But the Scriptures say we have the mind of Christ..." I would respond with, "I know; I know what the Scriptures say. But you don't believe you have the scriptures anyway so why do you suddenly want to believe a specific verse?"

If you read the 'answer' to the question/comment on the website about "*How do we know the Bible is true*?" we will see that people today do NOT believe **any** so-called Bible is true - none of them - especially the KJB because they have about 300+ versions out in the market place (otherwise known as the den of thieves). Because of such confusion in the pulpits and from the many versions of 'the bible, they truly believe they are to be '*led*' in their heart, spirit and mind by the Spirit of God! However, we know in truer words, they are being led by their "flesh and their fine feelings of themselves."

Can you see then, that when they read **I Corinthians 2:6-16**, they would believe they have that spiritual understanding '*from within*.' I can understand why they would go the 'inner route' of the Holy Spirit within us, etc. according to those verses, and yet <u>totally ignore and reject any written Scripture.</u>

The KJB says it the best, of course - and quite possibly you, the reader, probably even ask yourself, "*How can I get that spiritual understanding in those verses if it isn't from 'within?* Well - keep on within this 'sermon study' and you will how **I Corinthians 2:6-16** fits into your life.

Anyway, in a quick summary so far, we see that today's self-labeled christian thinks that because they "have Christ in them," their own personal thinking must be what Christ is thinking...

After all, to them, all of what they are doing is NOT being stopped by Christ in them, so they have no guilt feelings for what they are doing/seeing, etc. Their obvious conclusion would be that it must be OK - otherwise, Christ would tell them otherwise.

Obviously, they have no final authority other than themselves - unless they believe their pastor, etc. (who doesn't believe in 'The Scriptures' either) to be their final authority. That is called Pastoral Authority in the Bible protestant churches and in the Catholic world, it is Papal Authority, etc. Same thing = just different wording.

Note: For those interested and do not know yet, **Romans 2:5** explains why it *'seems'* like God is allowing saved and lost, to do what they 'feel' is right. Simply put, Paul teaches us that God's grace is being made available for the 'lost' as well as the 'Christian," thus the dispensation of grace. For the Christian, their works have yet to have been judged (the purpose of the judgment seat of Christ); however, the judgment of the lost / nonbeliever, etc. will be for their soul which is still attached to their sins/works, etc.

Anyway - that subject could be continued in a different sermon... let's get back to *The Mind of Christ Today*!

Main Question and Study

Is it true that since Christ is in me and since I have the mind of Christ... ...then my 'spiritual thinking' must be me 'thinking like Christ?'

Colossians 1:27 -To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

After doing the word study of the word 'mind,' I noticed that we can put the 'mind' verses into a few specific categories:

• I. Commands to each Christian that we should be using our minds 'together.'

- II. Comments about the minds of the lost people & deceived people (which would include those who think they are saved, but in God's eyes / according to scriptures, are not!)
- III. Verses on 'how' we as Christians should deal with our own minds.
- IV. The battles that sincere Christians will have with their own mind.
- V. Comments on 'having' the mind of Christ.

After we read, meditate and consider the following verses on the 'mind,' we will see and understand what it means to 'have the mind of Christ.'

I. Commands to each Christian that we should all be using our minds 'together.'

- Romans 12:16 <u>Be of the same mind one toward another</u>. <u>Mind not high things</u>, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
- Romans 15:6 That <u>ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God</u>, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- I 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 <u>be perfectly joined together in the same mind</u> and in the same judgment.
- Philippians 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that <u>ye be likeminded</u>, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- Philippians 4:2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.
- Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

II. Comments about the minds of the lost and/or deceived people (which would include those who think they are saved, but are not!)

- II Corinthians 3:14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.
- II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath <u>blinded the minds</u> of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
- Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a <u>reprobate mind</u>, to do those things which are not convenient;
- Romans 8:7 Because the <u>carnal mind is enmity against God</u>: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

- Acts 14:2 But the <u>unbelieving</u> Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and <u>made their</u> minds evil affected against the brethren.
- Colossians 1:21 And you, that were sometime <u>alienated and enemies in your</u> <u>mind</u> by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled
- Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and <u>unbelieving</u> is nothing pure; but even their <u>mind and conscience is defiled.</u>
- I Timothy 6:5 Perverse disputings of <u>men of corrupt minds</u>, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.
- II Timothy 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

III. Verses on 'how' we as sincere Christians should deal with our own minds.

- II Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
- Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but <u>in</u> lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, <u>humbleness of mind</u>, meekness, longsuffering;
- II Thessalonians 2:2 That ye <u>be not soon shaken in mind</u>, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- II Corinthians 9:2 For I know the <u>forwardness of your mind</u>, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.
- Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all <u>readiness of mind</u>, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.
- II Corinthians 8:19 And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:
- Acts 20:19 Serving the Lord with all <u>humility of mind</u>, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:
- 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.
- Ephesians 4:23 And be <u>renewed in the spirit of your mind;</u>
- II Corinthians 7:7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.
- II Corinthians 8:12 For if there be <u>first a willing mind</u>, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

IV. The battles that sincere Christians will have with our own mind over truth & flesh.

• Romans 7:21 - 25 - I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

V. Comments on 'having' the Mind of Christ.

- I Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.
- Romans 11:34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?
- Romans 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
- Philippians 4:7 And the <u>peace of God</u>, which passeth all understanding, shall <u>keep your</u> hearts and <u>minds</u> through Christ Jesus.

And then this sermon text verse:

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

COMMENTS / SUMMARY

With no colors, underlining, bold facing and 'extra' words, etc.... here is a summary of what we just read about the 'mind'!

I. Commands to each Christian that we should be using our minds 'together.'

- be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things,
- with one mind and one mouth glorify God
- be perfectly joined together in the same mind
- ye be likeminded
- be of one accord
- be of one mind.
- be of the same mind in the Lord.
- with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

II. Comments about the minds of the lost and/or deceived people (those who think they are saved, but are not!)

- their minds are blinded
- reprobate mind
- their carnal mind is enmity against God:

- the unbelieving made their minds evil affected against the brethren.
- alienated and enemies in their mind
- their mind and conscience is defiled.
- men of corrupt minds,

III. Verses on 'how' we as sincere Christians should deal with our own minds.

- God gave us a sound mind.
- Be in lowliness of mind
- With humbleness of mind, be not soon shaken in mind,
- Your mind can have forwardness of...
- Readiness of mind
- Humility of mind,
- We can renew our mind,
- We can be renewed in the spirit of our mind;
- Have a fervent mind toward Paul his writings, etc. showing us how to follow the risen Christ;
- First, a willing mind,

IV. The battles that sincere Christians will have with own own mind over truth & flesh.

- Warring against the law of my mind,
- So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

A King James Bible? Really? Really! Here is how it works:

Your 'bible' must be the sword of the Spirit; it must be the gospel of your salvation; it must be the sword that does the 'cutting' that is mentioned in Colossians 2:11,12 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Once that 'spiritual operation has been done, then and only then can Christ 'be in you' - and now can be led by the Spirit, not by the flesh. (although we sure do tend to let our flesh get those victories, eh! - remember the battle is the battle of the mind vs the flesh).

Romans 8:4-14: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death;

but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Of course, I Corinthians 2:9-16 will make sense now - HOWEVER - in case you haven't noticed, we don't automatically think like Christ now. Christians have always had the King James Bible to be their source of knowledge, wisdom, understanding, guidance, etc. because the Spirit of God leads us through His words.

Even John was aware of that: John 14:26 - But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

So, the basic question – "Is your Bible the word of God - the words of God - the gospel of your salvation - the sword of the Spirit?"

And of course, there is a P.S. – Correct rightly dividing is a must. **II Timothy 2:16** - *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* WE must look ONLY to Paul as our apostle. The apostolic doctrine was from the twelve apostles TO THE JEWS ONLY!

And of course, in case you haven't noticed, the King James 1611 Bible is the only Bible that teaches this!

There are many more verses one can seek and find within the KJB that makes this even more 'solid' in your belief and understanding about the mind of Christ.

Here is one more final thought: If a person truly believes that God will show them something apart from written Scriptures, etc. then he/she is trying to fulfil I John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Just remember, while that verse sounds like 'your claim to spiritual fame' verse, **I John** is Tribulation book, NOT a book from Paul and today's dispensation of grace of God!

Summary & Conclusion!

Simply put - the mind of Christ today is your King James Bible - and if you want to think like Christ does, make sure you read it, and rightly divide it, and study it... then apply it!

One more thing: this has been true ever since I Corinthians 13:8-10, it is all in the KJB! Before we had the KJB, Christianity was of a different form: Only until after I Corinthians 13:8-10 did the following fail. Beforehand, they had their part in guiding the Christian. Those things were *prophecies*, *tongues*, and *knowledge*. Those *prophecies*, *tongues* and *knowledge* were given to the believer through the Holy Spirit, of course.

Today - and since 1611, we have had and still have the King James 1611 Bible as the mind of Christ!

So, I Corinthians 2:9-16 makes complete sense IF you get that spirituality from your bible study / reading, etc. Get those scriptures into your heart through memory and remembrance, etc. and you just may find yourself dealing with life's issues thinking like Christ would.

But like Paul, your mind will wrestle with your flesh.

And then finally, remember the devil hates that KJB when it is rightly divided, so you will see him working on people's flesh today and trying to get them to quit 'thinking' as he has destroyed the 'word of God' in people's minds!

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