

# Possessing the Mind of Christ

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## 1 Corinthians 2:11-16

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. <sup>12</sup>We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup>This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. <sup>14</sup>The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: <sup>16</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

*The Greek word for "mind" is nous, which means the seat of reflective consciousness, comprising the faculties of perception and understanding, and those of feeling, judging and determining.*

*The mind is your seat of awareness and reality.*

*The mind is the place of spiritual warfare.*

*The mind was what Satan attacked in the Garden:*

## 2 Corinthians 11:3

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

## 1 Corinthians 1:30

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

*We have the mind of Christ. His nous. His perception of reality.*

## 1 Corinthians 2:16

"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

## Characteristics of Christ's Mind

### 1. A mind grounded in the love and fellowship of the Father

#### **John 5:19-20**

Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. <sup>20</sup>For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.

#### **John 17:26**

"I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

### 2. A mind that knows and loves the will of the Father

#### **John 5:30**

"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me."

#### **Matthew 26:39**

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

### 3. A mind that believes the impossible

#### **Mark 9:23**

"If you can't?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

### 4. A mind that is free from the enemy

#### **John 14:30**

"I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me,"