

### "We Have the Mind of Christ"

Christians are meant to live peculiar, sanctified, set apart lives full of adventure with God. We are to share this spiritual life of Christ with others so they too may experience this oneness with Christ and live life as victors not victims. This is the very reason we are called to go out and make disciples, baptizing them, and teaching them to observe all the Lord has commanded.

If we observe what is going on in the Church at this point in history, many are seeking after the spectacular and extravagant things of God, rather than embracing who they are in Him and walking in that revelation on a daily basis. The spectacular is defined as that which is dramatic or impressive to look at. The extravagant is characterized by excessive, wasteful, or beyond what is reasonable in any situation. Contrast that with what the Word says about the abundant life we live in Christ. John 10:10 says, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly." Abundance here means over and above, superadded, more than what is necessary. However, it isn't about seeking those **things** which are spectacular and extravagant, but rather living this life we have been given.

In 1 Peter 2:9 we read, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." And in 1 Corinthians 6:11-"...But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." These truths make it crystal clear we are called out, cleaned up, and meant to show the praises of God through our lives. In order for this to happen we must have a change of mind as well as heart.

The Lord speaks to me often about my mind. Satan messed with Adam and Eve's minds, and truthfully, he still likes to play with our minds today. Sometimes our minds control us rather than us controlling them. The Bible tells us we have the mind of Christ. The revelation of this truth in our lives can literally change and move us from earthly to kingdom mentality, from carnal thinking to spiritual. A key to experiencing and walking in an abundant and peculiar lifestyle resides in our reception of this primary truth, understanding it more completely, and then applying it to our minds and lives.

In 1 Corinthians 2:16 we read, "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ." Translated this literally means we possess Christ's mode of thinking and judging and we are furnished with His understanding. We are told in this passage of Scripture we "have" the mind of Christ meaning we possess or own His mind. It becomes our very own ability, quality, and characteristic. The power is released in this truth when we "grasp" it and allow it to permeate our very souls (our mind, will, and emotions) and "become" one with Christ. We have the potential to think His thoughts, His feelings, His purposes, and His desires. This isn't about positive thinking. This is about transformation. This is about allowing God's Word to penetrate into our very spirit, soul, and body and change the very substance of who we are in Christ and what He did and continues to do in our lives. This should make us shout "**I Praise You Jesus!**"

Many Christian people today find themselves in the midst of living ordinary lives experiencing neither the presence nor the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is time to receive fresh revelation of who we are in Christ, and whose mind we truly possess, to show forth His praises; to stop going after the spectacular and simply live the abundant life in Christ. We have the extraordinary privilege of boasting in Jesus Christ. Let us live as people who have the mind of Christ. In doing so, we honor His great sacrifice, His great victory, and His great love. Today, if Jesus is Lord of your life, you have been given a very special gift. His mind! His understanding! His thoughts! His feelings! His purposes! His desires! Celebrate this truth - and bask in living an extraordinary life!