

Sunday, September 19, 2021
THE MIND OF CHRIST
PART THREE: MAKEUP OF THE MIND

We have been discussing the mind of Christ. Each of you who have been born again, have the mind of Christ operating with you. Previously, we have discussed the power of the mind. We also spoke of the role of the Spirit in the mind of Christ. Today, we take a deeper look at the makeup of the mind of Christ. The mind of Christ is characterized as a mind controlled by the Spirit.

Romans 8:5-6 (NKJV)

Your mindset is important because it determines your destiny. We're not just speaking of what you believe but of what you empower to work in your life. The mind of Christ is a belief system that is empowered by the Spirit of God. We are told that the same Spirit which raised Christ from the dead dwells in us. So, let's look closely at that Spirit which empower our mind.

Isaiah 11:1-2 (NKJV)

Last week, we likened the Spirit of the Lord talked about here to a menorah.

The seven-fold Spirit of God, that creates the Mind of Christ in us, is like a Jewish Menorah. The Spirit of the Lord is the trunk (or the center core) and all the other six functions (capabilities, attributes) branch out from it - the Spirit of Wisdom, the Spirit of Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel, the Spirit of Might, the Spirit of Knowledge and the Fear of the Lord.

The Spirit of the Lord which creates the mind of Christ is comprised of six different components or better because everything with Christ is life: spirits. The Spirit of the Lord literally is the Spirit of Jehovah. The root word for Jehovah is havah:

Havah: to become

Having the Spirit of the Lord upon us causes us to become like Him. The Spirit of the Lord is not a concept but a living being. It transforms us by making us new. Making up that Spirit:

1. Spirit of wisdom

Knowledge that is a divine attribute of God. It is a “knowing” that produces. Wisdom cannot be separated from reality. It is seen through behavior and attitude. It is knowledge that “lives”. A knowledge that produces life.

2. Spirit of understanding

Understanding is a product of discernment. Discernment in the biblical sense is a gift of the Spirit. It means to know the origin of something. Recognizing what something is made of or what produced it. World, Satan or the Spirit?

3. Spirit of counsel

Wise people take counsel. You cannot separate this idea of counsel from the idea of “giving”. God gives us His Word on situations. Therefore, to have the mind of Christ requires us to receive what is given. Counsel is very specific. Remember James 1:5-8?

James 1:5-8 (NKJV)

Two minds compete bringing instability.

4. Spirit of might

The mind of Christ is mighty. The Spirit has force that produces victory. Here’s what we cannot forget. The thoughts of God are empowered. What can stop them?

5. Spirit of knowledge

Here’s what we thought it was about all along: knowledge. Just knowing the right things. Knowledge must be power to produce victory. “Knowing” in the biblical sense is more than recitation. It is an intimate, relational thing.

Psalm 119:15-16 (NKJV)

Everyone say: “I will lay down with your Word”.

6. Spirit of the fear of the Lord

What is the fear of the Lord? To finish this out, let’s look at Proverbs 8:12-14:

Proverbs 8:12-14 (NKJV)

Here you see all six aspects of the Spirit of the Lord: wisdom, knowledge, counsel, understanding, strength, and the fear of the Lord. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil. This is not an intellect produced phenomenon but a heart produce one. Aren't hatred and love heart issues? The fear of the Lord reveals who you are in relationship with. It is the foundation of the mind of Christ:

Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV)

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