

Do I Reflect the Nature of Christ?

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of having the mind of Christ, which means thinking and acting like Jesus, and living a life of servanthood and dependence on God.

Scripture: Matthew 20:28, Luke 9:23, John 6:38, Romans 12:2, 1 Corinthians 2:16, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Ephesians 4:23-24, Philippians 2:5, Philippians 2:7, Colossians 3:10

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Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes the call for believers to adopt the mindset of Christ, urging them to reflect on their thoughts and actions in light of Jesus' example. He explains that having the mind of Christ means making decisions that align with His will and living as a servant, just as Jesus did when He laid down His glory to fulfill the Father's purpose. Wilkerson challenges the complacency of many who claim to follow Christ yet remain unchanged by their faith, encouraging them to seek transformation and embody the nature of Christ in their daily lives.

Transcript

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

"But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16).

These exhortations from the apostle Paul are telling the people of God, "Let the mind that is in Christ -- the very thinking of Jesus -- be your thinking, also. His mindset is the one we all are to seek."

What does it mean to have the mind of Christ? Simply put, it means to think and act as Jesus did, making Christ-like decisions that determine how we are to live. Every time we look into the mirror of God's Word, we are to ask ourselves, "Do I reflect the nature of Christ? Am I changing from image to image, conformed to Jesus' likeness by every experience that God brings into my life?"

According to Paul, "[Christ] made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7). Jesus made a covenant with the Father to lay down his heavenly glory and come to earth as a man. For Christ, this meant saying, "I go to do your will, Father." Indeed, Jesus determined ahead of time, "I am laying down my will in order to do yours, Father. Everything I say and do has to come from you and I will be totally dependent on you."

In turn, the Father's covenant agreement with the Son was to reveal his will to him. God was saying, in essence, "You will always know what I am doing and how I am doing it. You will have my mind."

Many people today who claim to be followers of Jesus have never made a decision to live as the Lord did. Instead, they live comfortably with their flesh -- their bad tempers, their character flaws, their bosom sins. And they have never wanted to change, explaining, "That's just my nature; it's the way I am."

But when Paul boldly states, "I have the mind of Christ," he is declaring, "Like Jesus, I have taken on the role of a servant." And Paul asserts that the same holds true of every believer: "We can all have the mind of Christ" (see 1 Corinthians 2:16).

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