

The MIND of CHRIST

One of the most overlooked aspects of the Christian life is transforming human minds into the mind of Christ. There is no other place (Christ’s mind) where joy, peace and fellowship can take place. No other place exists where people who are diverse in methods, characteristics and opinions can find unity. How can you tell whether or not you have the mind of Christ?

You _____ others for their good instead of _____
them to feel good about yourself.

You _____ because Scripture _____ you to carry
out God’s plan (_____ Him).

You _____ others by _____ them and helping
them move _____.

Praying this daily will increase your desire to edify others, endure through difficulty, and accept others like Christ:

God, fill me with _____ and _____ so that _____
overflows from within!

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

1. Discuss the difference between “biblical acceptance” and “worldly tolerance” in the sermon today. Why is it vital to see a sinner eventually confess their sin? Have you tolerated a friend’s sin for so long that they feel affirmed by you and therefore do not have any conviction? How can you personally balance “love” and “truth” the way Jesus did with others?

Digging Deeper

2. Do you understand the concept of “edification” (1 Cor 8:1; 2 Cor 13:10; Eph 4:11-16; 1 Thess 5:11; Acts 9:31)? Why is it important to God for each of us to edify (build up) others?
3. Meditate upon how Jesus Christ has accepted you: forgave us (Eph4:32); won’t use our sin against us (Jer 31:34); helps us leave the past and reach forward into the future (Phil 3:13). How should you accept others? Is there someone in your life you need to accept in the way that Jesus has accepted you?
4. Why is complaining so destructive to our daily lives (Phil 2:14; James 5:9; Eph 4:29; Ex 16:8; Num 11:1; Prov 17:22; John 6:41-43; Jude 1:16)? When we are tearing down others, how does that affect us spiritually, emotionally and physically?

Applying the Word to Life

5. Will you commit to praying the prayer of Romans 15:13 for 30 days? Every morning when you rise, ask God to fill you with joy and peace. Then observe throughout the day how God provides a renewed hope for you in areas you overlooked before. Write it down so that you can remember it!
6. Do you spend time in the Word daily for encouragement? Start today if you have neglected your Bible. Every time you want to pick up your phone, read the Bible instead.