

Phil 2:5–8**The Mind Of Christ****The challenge to have the mind of Christ**

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,” (Phil 2:5)

1. Paul looked to the Lord Jesus as an example to the brethren
2. The challenge is to know the mind of Christ
 - i. φρονεῖτε ... phroneo... think, exercise the mind
 - ii. ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ...in Christ Jesus... use of the dative
3. The command is given for the mind of Christ to be in us
 - i. The use of the imperative... a command
 - ii. ἐν ὑμῖν... in you...use of the dative
4. Reasons for this
 - a. One mindset to follow
 - b. To develop a greater sense of oneness
 - c. To demonstrate what Paul had just taught...lowliness of mind (Phil 2:3,4)

Appreciating the divine nature of Christ

“who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,” (Phil 2:6)

1. Paul was writing about a theological truth about Christ
2. Christ is being described as being in the form of God
 - a. μορφῇ ... morphe... form
 - i. Look at the essence
 - ii. God has no form
 - b. ὑπάρχων ... huparcho... being under, to exist
 - i. Present participle
 - ii. Main verb ... ἠγησατο

- c. He was divine in His essence
- 3. He was co-equal with God
 - a. ἡγήσατο ... hegeomai... to think, to consider, to lead
 - b. εἶναι... einai... to be, exist... infinitive of purpose
 - c. It was not “robbery” to declare this
 - d. He existed with the purpose to be equal with God

Theological truths about the divinity of Christ in the gospels

- 1. He is omnipresent (John 1:1,2)
- 2. He is omnipotent (John 1:3)
- 3. He is omniscient (John 2:24)

The human nature of Christ

“but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.” (Phil 2:7)

- 1. The emptying of Christ (The kenosis)
 - a. ἐκένωσεν... kenoo... to make empty
 - b. What did Christ empty Himself of?
 - i. His divine privileges
 - ii. Limited Himself
 - c. The use of the aorist... Once and for all
- 2. λαβών... lambano... to take
- 3. μορφήν ... morphe... form.... Form a bondservant (Phil 2:6)
- 4. ὁμοιώματι ... homoioma... likeness... The likeness of man

The dual natures of Christ

- 1. The divine internal nature
- 2. The human external nature