

THE MIND OF CHRIST SERIES

THE REVELATION OF JESUS MIND

Last week we began a series on the mind of Christ and we talk about how that the light of Jesus will be able to impart some understanding and just meditating over these word and this message and the theme that we are following along.

Something started happening, God began to show me things that I have not understood fully before. The whole of last week I was busy writing out everything that I was given understanding about. You see, after the establishment of the atomic theory by Rutherford who described the basic structure of the atom and molecule, the nuclei of protons with neutrons and electrons etc. But for decades scientists have not been able to find out the particles and the forces and could not explain how the neutrons and the protons unite together. You must understand how important this is. You may not appreciate science but its so important that about a year ago an article came out that today in the U.S. they are spending millions of dollars to construct an atomic measuring machine called an cyclotron that could detect this tiny little particles that make up matter. In Europe there is a competition. They are trying to build theirs too and they also spending millions of dollars to discover the forces and the explanation and the theory behind these things that take place.

As I was teaching this series and talking about expanding the mind of Christ, God was helping us to understand not only spiritual things but also natural things. God began to enlighten my understanding on that. Suddenly I saw it, I saw the key to

explain everything what the scientists were looking for. I was so excited that I could hardly sleep but worked day and night writing the whole thing out. It's to 6 volume of my encyclopedia, research into every law I could, everything to calculate with relation to that theory. And I believe that I have found it. It's so important and it explains something that two years ago in May 11, 1987 when they invented or came up with the latest superconductor that could conduct electricity purely at a very high temperature. In that statement on May 11, 1987 the scientists said they could not explain it. They could see it but could not understand and explain so there is a vacuum for theory. When I relate to it I found that I explained that. I was excited and you may not appreciate that excitement because you are not interested in science. But that fellow who explained the old theory won the Nobel Prize. In the scientific field it is as revolutionary as Albert Einstein's theory of relativity. So when I saw the whole thing I quickly wrote down the whole thing and the first thing that I intend to do is to copyright the work, get the I.S.B.N. number and then distribute it to science research centers for them to have a look at the theory.

But the theory verifies what I have been speaking about in Gen.1: 1 when God says let there be light. It's a total scientific explanation of Gen.1: 1. Of course I left the Bible out because you have to approach differently, you have to explain everything from the natural realm in the theory but what I am encouraging you is this, that what we are teaching could operate in your life when the wisdom of God starts operating. If this is so important that the first thing I am looking for is copy writing the whole thing before I send it for publication in the Science Journal. If the whole thing is verified, it's going to revolutionize the whole scientific world. It's that important. It all came, just for your confidence and for the church through praying in tongues. Of course I won't tell them I got it by praying in tongues until everything is over. Once the scientific circles have accepted my theory then I would say that I got it through praying in tongues. (Two books have been written, viz

Anyway we are looking into the mind of Christ and we realize that there are a lot of things that are available for us in the scriptures that are yet untapped. If you want to partake of the prosperity of Joseph in the first seven years, you must have the wisdom of Joseph. If you don't tap into the mind of Christ today, you won't see the prosperity. Joseph's wisdom and gift and grace by God brought him into that realm. So we see here in the gospel of Luke, the mind of Christ as a comparison. I

believe there is no other mind greater than the mind of Christ. The mind that Jesus had is the mind to be desired and possessed, the mind of our Master and Lord Jesus Christ. We should not compare ourselves with each other; we should not compare ourselves with even those before us. We should constantly compare ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, because He is our goal. He is our prime example. He possessed everything that humanity has ever desired and wanted, Christ Jesus our Savior.

Luke 2 we have here a prophecy spoken by Simeon to Mary the mother of Jesus. Simeon in verse 34 blessed them. Verse 34 *"Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is destined for fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed'."*

Here he speaks about the mind of our Lord Jesus Christ. The mind that our Lord has and which He will demonstrate in His walk on earth, is the mind that will know the secrets and the deep things of the heart of man. Powerful and there will be nothing that will stand as impossibility that their mind that Jesus was going to process. So here we have in Luke 2 a statement of the heart, the mind and the manifestation of the Lord Jesus Christ's ability.

Now lets again refresh ourselves and look at some scriptures to understand that process taking place as described in Luke 2:34-35. Lets gather some scriptures from Luke 5:22, here is the mind of Christ, *but when Jesus perceived their thoughts He answered and said to them, why are you reasoning in your heart.* I mean Jesus has the ability to perceive things that are beyond man. There was nothing impossible to His mind. The word *impossible* was not something that was real with Him. All things were possible to Him. He could know all things. He could see all things. He could discern beyond what human beings would normally not be able to do. So Jesus knows the hearts of these people and what was happening.

Lets get some more scriptures in Luke 6:8, but He knew their thoughts and said to the man who had the withered hand. He knew their thoughts. Nobody told

Him all those things, but He knew their thoughts. He knew what was going on. When we have the mind of Christ, we can fellowship with one another, we can know things but that would be nothing like the things that you would know through the mind of Christ without a word being spoken to you. The mind of Christ has a greater consciousness than a normal human mind. It embodies the consciousness beyond people. For example if you have the mind of Christ without anybody telling you go to a place you know what's going on there. You go to a home; you know what is there. There is a powerful ability to know. That's something we need to possess, something that is there for the Christians. You could face any engineering, accounts or any kind of problems and because you have the mind of Christ, you enter in the situation, you could gather in all the facts, know everything even without people telling you.

Powerful mind. He could perceive, he could know things powerfully. Nobody told Him. He looked and he knew what was in their hearts. It's going to be interesting when we converse with each other when everybody knows the mind of Christ. Before you speak we know what you are going to speak, before you think we know what you are going to think, before you desire we know what you are going to desire. We know what is going to be your life as we observe. We know how you will be after 20 years ahead. This is something powerful. We are talking about the mind of Christ. Tremendous when we could tap into that.

In Luke 9:47 *then a dispute arose among His disciples and Jesus perceiving the thoughts of their heart.* He doesn't need a little bird to come and tell Him. He knew it because He was there. To know it because you were there, that's the first stage. Second stage you know it without being there. Powerful, tremendous, fantastic, super. This mind that Jesus had gives Him the ability to know all things and the Bible says we have the mind of Christ and the potential is there.

Lets look at the old statement that you always read in the new life. In Heb.8: 10-11 *"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be My people."* Notice the next verse, when we have that kind of mind, when we have it written on our hearts and in our mind the law of God. In other words, His heart becomes our heart, His mind our mind, His ways our ways.

You could know what to do in all situations; there will be no such thing as a problem. It will only be in term of the extent and the length of the situation. You will know what to do. Isn't it wonderful to have such a mind? Where in any situation you are in you know what to do, you know exactly what to do. You may not be out of the maze yet but you know where you are in the maze. See, we are not talking about instant solution but we are talking about having the solution and working them out.

It says here when we possess that kind of mind, the mind where God's word has been written in our hearts and in our mind, the mind where the laws of God are causing it to function. You see, our mind since the fall of Adam is out of synchrony with God. In other words it is not functioning the way it should since Adam's fall and the word of God tunes our mind like tuning a radio. The Word of God sets your mind to its optimum. So here the laws of God are written in the mind, the laws of God are tuning the mind. Now that kind of mind when you began to have it, it is not only a mind that will understand spiritual things. It will definitely understand spiritual things, it will comprehend the things of the scriptures but its not limited to that only but that same mind when it is exposed to the things of the world are going to push and go further and higher than the limits of the mind of man.

Daniel tapped on that mind. Look at the book of Daniel chapter one verse 17 it says, *"As for these 4 young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams."* I want you to look at some of the subjects that they had to study. I will call them non-biblical subjects. Being a Christian doesn't mean that you are necessarily narrow-minded. It just mean that you are being correct minded. Some of you say I don't want to be a square, then what you want to be, triangle, round? At least a square is a perfect square root. You can't get a perfect square root out of a triangle.

Notice some of his non-biblical subjects. Daniel chapter one lets look at verse 19. *"Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king. And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten*

times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm." I mean it's a matter of ten is to one. I like the figure ten. Ten is to one, powerful. One shall chase a 1000 and 2 shall chase 10,000, powerful. And here some of the subjects that the king asked were queer subjects that none of us possibly will be interested ever in your life time.

In verse 4, *"young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans."*

You see, wisdom is not only enough just to know, you have to know quickly. I mean if you are going to take 10 years to comprehend and solve a problem, you may uncomprehending it. But the difference in wisdom is this, lets say you are a manager; you don't have that kind of time to solve that problem because by then your company will be down the drain. A problem confronts you; you have only a limited time to solve it. Thank God for the mind of Christ. Say I have the mind of Christ, it's not just enough to know, you have to know fast and quick.

Now here in chapter one verse 4 it says, that they had to study the language and literature of the Chaldeans. That doesn't look like an interesting subject to me. Besides that in Daniel chapter one verse 19 and 20, *anything the king ask they could answer 10 times better than the magicians.* That's an asset, that's powerful. One idea can be worth a million dollars. Imagine some of the things that are bringing in million of dollars. Some of the fantastic architectural design and invention of man came out of the head of one person – the mind. Think about that, it all started in the mind of somebody. How powerful are thoughts and how correct and even more powerful are right thoughts.

So the king interviewed them and I am sure king Nebuchadnezzar didn't ask them about the Jewish religion. He will possibly ask what do you all think about this form of administration. But the answer of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah was different and ten times better. Then the king will turn around and say what do you think about architecture? Everybody else's answer would be ordinary but Daniel's answer was different, Mishael's answer was different, Hananiah's answer was different, Azariah's answer was different. Then the king will turn around and say what do you think about accounting procedure and principles? I tell you,

Daniel and all the rest would give a better answer than all the rest. Then the king may ask them what do you think about plants and agriculture, I mean the whole range of subject. That was a test and they pass not just with flying colors, I mean they pass with ultra violet beyond the visible realm. Powerful, all because it was a gift of God. See, intelligence is not something that is denied to people, its something that is available in Christ, wisdom of Christ.

It says here in verse 17, *God gave*. They didn't have it because they were born with it. They were not born genius. They may be possibly geniuses compared to all those other people because they are 10 times smarter, imagine that. They were the top astrologers and magicians. (Incidentally the word *magician* and *astrologer* also mean the wise man and the counsel of the king.) These are the top people not the bottom rank. And on the top of the top, they were 10 times more than the top. It all came from God. It was not because their parents were smart; it was not because the environment was there because all the other kids also have the same environment. They were not the only four, possibly there were hundreds upon hundreds of young men chosen but they made it to the top. Why, because they had it from the top – God. Tell me, who can be higher than God, who can sit higher than God's throne? Haven't you heard, haven't you read, He is the most high. To God the Empire State Building looks like an atom to Him. He is the most high. He is powerful. It all came as a gift from God. Now that's an aspect and a manifestation of what we call the mind of Christ that is available.

Of all things, they had only the old covenant. If you could do that in the old covenant how much more in the new. In the old covenant God promise intelligence. God said you would be the head not the tail. Your brains are in the head right. God said you would be the head. That was not the main reason, the reason is this, you can never be the head until you know better and do better. So God promised them that they will know things, understand things beyond the hereon. Not everyone in Israel in the old covenant tap on that. In fact all the other young men in Daniel's time chosen were also full blooded pure genetic Jews. But only these 4 young men kept the covenant of their God. The difference was them tapping into the covenant of God. You see, God promised them in the old covenant, if you hearken to my commandments my laws and my statutes in Deut. Chapter 28:1-14. He said if you will do everything I tell you, I, God said, would make you the head and not the tail. And here, before God blessed them, they had

an opportunity to obey the covenant or disobey the covenant.

In the Old Testament time they had to go by O.T. laws, which included the fact that they were not, allowed to eat gentile food. It was unclean for them and out of the thousands possibly of young people, only 4 said we are willing to be different. Think about that, everyone else doing that except you. It's not easy going against that kind of peer presence but they stood firm and our Almighty God in heaven kept His part. When they kept their part of the covenant God kept His part of the covenant. He made them the head and not the tail. What about the other Jewish young men? They became part of the tail. Merged and mixed among the mediocre. The difference was not their genes, was not their background, was not their heritage, it was not the environment but it was the gift of God, the grace of God. And brethren, that is old covenant.

In the new covenant it should be even more powerful. So powerful that God was even willing to take an untrained fisherman and picked untrained people and left them with the destiny of the world. Jesus left behind no books, no buildings, no written notes, no possession and even the robe that He had was taken away. His total investment was in the life of these 11 disciples that He had left. If they failed His investment would have been cancelled. But He had such confidence; He picked out 11 insignificant mediocre, averages and some less than average people, taught them for 3 years. Settle their arguments, sometimes, scolded them, rebuked them a few times, comforted them and prayed with them many times. When He went to the cross none of them stayed with Him. I tell you that was confidence. No investor would have bet on that eleven but Jesus knew that He could trust these 11 people. He has poured His lifeblood into them and most of all He knew that if they ever lack anything when He goes to heaven, in the Spirit He would be able to supply to them. If they need finances, no problem, just ask Him. If they need more mental strength and power just ask Him. If they need more strength just ask Him. There was nothing that they should lack. Because now He has opened a new covenant and He not only say that you will be the head.

The O.T. says that you will be the head and not the tail still applies today. But let me tell you, the N.T. says you are seated in the heavenly places. That is even more than the head. You are seated at the throne room of the universe. That's the N.T.;

there is no more up after this. We talk about promotion and going up the ladder, I tell you in the O.T. they could be the head nation, top in the world but in the N.T., in the new covenant, you are not only that but you have reached the very apex and top. You are seated in the heavenly with Christ Jesus and there is no higher throne above His throne. You look up there is nothing else above you. There is nothing above you but there is something besides you, because Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father. So on your left side with you is papa God. It did not even say that papa God's throne was higher than Jesus, because the Trinity is called equal. When you are in Christ, O what wonderful grace, matchless grace of Jesus Christ.

So Jesus promised us that mind. Do you notice that in the book of Ephesians chapter 2 the very scriptures that speaks about being raised in Jesus Christ and is concerned about the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ. Look at the connection there, in chapter 2:1- 10 *"In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."* Notice what is mentioned there, we were there in sin, lost in trespasses, dead in sin, mind that is hardened and not functioned.

Then it says here in verse 4, *"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."* It says there, why has He raised us up. He has raised us up, we were down in sins, in the mind and clay on this earth, picked us up, placed us there and seated us in the heavenly places where Christ exists. Put us on the throne of God with God. And He says, sons and daughters sit down. I tell you, many of us will be trembling. You will say Lord, I cannot. I am not worthy. I belong there, where, down there. He says sit down. You say, no Lord I can't. You sit on the throne Lord and I will sit besides you here. We struggle to take our place in Christ. You know why, our spirit is willing but the flesh is weak and still down there. Our spirit is able but the mind is unable. So we never see.

I tell you the only reason why we don't see the fullness of Christ in the realm of power, in the realm of healing, in the realm of prosperity or in any realm is because we have not tapped into the mind of Christ. We have allowed the limitation of this muddy clay earth to limit us and prevent us from living like sons of God, because our mind tells us to live like sons of clay. He tells us we were born of spirit not of the flesh. The struggle of Christianity throughout the ages from the time of the Apostolic church during Paul's writing and Peter's teaching to this day, is to get the church to understand that they belong up there and not down here. Sometimes through the ages there are few who began to tap on the light and you will have Christians, some sitting there but most are frightened to sit there. The majority of them are sitting down here, which physically is true right now. That's where the majority is, and sometimes some of us who are down here will hear the call and the plea of those who are up there to come up but they are saying no, it cannot be. Most of us are down here, you fanatic, who do you think up there, come down join us. That has to change. Before the Lord Jesus comes in His second coming, all the members of the body of Christ must be up there. He doesn't want any single member, head, eye or toe of His body to be down there. He wants all to be up there. That's why we are here. That's why we are teaching the word. That's why we write books. That's why we sell tapes to get the E.I.B. to understand them. Somebody asks what is E.I.B.? Educated idiot box. The mind of our earthly mind brings down that heavenly mind. Tear down the strongholds that the devil has laid on your mind and put on the mind of Christ.

Paul after he told them about where they sit in Christ Jesus, he tells us here in Eph.4: 22-23 That you put off, remove, annihilate, totally eradicate, put off concerning your former conduct, the old way that you use to live and think; and the old way that you use to function. You say, brother I am doing well already. You have seen nothing yet. Some of us, we could be born again as a teenager and here we are trying to get into the things of God but the peer pressure and all the things around us prevent us. Some of you may be successful in the world and then you come into the kingdom of God you thought you could run the kingdom of God like running the world. Some of us may have fantastic I.Q. out there in the world, I mean the top people, fantastic education, successful in career, in prosperity and in every area and then you come into the kingdom of God, you forget that the mind of Christ is directly opposite with the mind of the world. It's a different mind altogether. He didn't say how good the old mind was, he wouldn't even accept the

old mind. And you are saying couldn't, I just use a little bit. No, put off, he said put off, cut off, remove the old man, the old life, the old way of thinking. And he says here, put off concerning your former conduct. The old man he describes as the old mind. The old man is the old mind, which grows corrupt according to deceitful lust and be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Now, those two verses are connected. If you read it correctly, that means it's impossible to put off the old man without renewing the mind. The two are connected. The process of putting out the old man is the renewal of the new man, the mind. Put off the old man and be renewed. In the spirit of your mind, verse 24 and that you put on the new man. Do you notice that earlier in Eph.2 old man, old mind, new man, new mind. It is not old man, new mind. It is new man, new mind because new mind produce new man.

In Colossian you could literally hear the heartbeat and cry of Paul. In the book of Colossian when he cried through the scriptures and said in chapter 3:1 If, can you see the big if there, does your Bible contain the word *if* inside? Not the Eve who cause the fall. There is an 'if' inside. If there is an 'if' that tell you its conditional. It's not going to be automatic. You got to work hard at it. It says, "*If then you were raised with Christ*" Do you know we were raised with Christ, we are seated up there in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. If then you are up there Paul says *seek those things which are above where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God and set your mind on the things above, not on things below*. Can you see the secret now? The secret of walking the resurrected life. The secret of living out the life that comes from being seated in the heavenly places is in the mind. Whether we are able to be up there while living in this earth depends on the condition of our mind. The mind of Christ is available for us. There are 3 things that we need to be aware when we walk about the mind of Christ.

Lets examine the function of Jesus mind so that we could appreciate reaching there. Let me read one more scripture from Colossians. In Col.2, now you remember that we were raised in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus according to Eph.2. We were seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus for one purpose, that He might show the exceeding riches of His grace through tout all ages.

Look at what all the grace and riches are in Col.2: 2-3 *“That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”* He has it get it from Him. The prayer that he prayed in Eph.1: 17-21, he says *I pray that God the Father may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation that you might know the riches of His inheritance and the saints. The exceeding greatness of His power towards us, the hope of our calling that we might know.* It all rest on the key word KNOW which points to the mind. In fact he was very specific in verse 17 & 18, he says *the eyes of your understanding may be flooded with light,* which produces KNOW. See, Jesus when He walked on this earth, He knew all things. You read the book of John and He tells you His secret. He says He knew all things, He knew what was in man.

Lets look at the gospel of John; it's the most fantastic revelation of the mind of Christ in this whole gospel. In John 2:23-24, *“When He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men.”*

What a statement. Do you know all men? I cannot say that I know all men. I haven't reached it yet. You possibly may say I know my neighbor but we cannot possible say we know everybody. Think about the fantastic consciousness and mental capacity that He had. That the scripture says He knew all men. He looks at them and he knows. What a mind. A sword will pierce through your heart and the secret of many hearts will be revealed, Simeon prophesied. He knew all men. That means you can never lie to Him. He knows means that you cannot deceive Him because He knows. That means that you cannot hide from Him because you are exposed in His sight. That was the mind He had. He doesn't always let people know what He knows. If you really have the mind of Christ, it will not make you proud. It will make you humble because you realize whom your source is. Carnal knowledge pass out but spiritual knowledge humbles you. It says here in the scripture that we are going to see, He knows but He doesn't tell you everything He knows because if He does there is hardly anybody who will get near to Him.

Sometimes the disciples think that He didn't know but He always know. In John 6

Jesus was in the sea of Galilee and it says in verse 2, *“Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased and Jesus went up on the mountain, and then He sat with His disciples. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?”* Pointing to the multitude 5000 men and women not even counted. Philip says where shall we find bread to feed these people. Remember when God asks a question, it doesn't mean He doesn't know the answer. When we ask a question, it may mean that we don't know but when God says Adam where are thou, when God ask a question He knows. He wanted to find out whether you know too. Here He asks Philip where shall we find bread to feed this multitude. Philip took out his calculator, just a story and start calculating and said Master, I have done my calculation and estimate that it will cost us 200 denarii's. Besides that even if we have all the money to buy the bread, but there is no store in the wilderness here. You have money but money can't buy. We can't eat the money, Master unless you turn it into bread. But even if you have the money we wouldn't be able to find a place to buy it. The bakeries are closed. As if Jesus didn't know. Of course Jesus knows all things. It tells us in John 6:6 *“But this He said to test him, for He himself knew what He would do.”* He knows it all the time. He knows it but Philip doesn't know it and He wants to find out whether Philip knows it but Philip failed in all categories of test.

Do you know that there is somebody who is slightly smarter than Philip as far as the Bible is concerned? In John gospel Jesus asked somebody else, another one of the disciples and Jesus said, Peter do you love Me more than these. He knows Peter's heart. I mean He doesn't need an answer but His question is to get Peter to search his own heart. Do you remember the story we talk about last week when Jesus twelve years old was sitting among the doctors of the law asking questions and answering them?

Look at the gospel of John the last chapter. I want to inspire you to have the mind of Christ. I could describe the mind of Christ but if you don't see the benefits, you have no reason to want to possess it. Then you would not value what we are teaching. So in John chapter 21 Jesus says in verse 15 *“When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me more than these?’”* Peter searches his heart and says yes. And He says feed my lamb. Second time He asks

'Simon, do you love me?' And he said yes Lord. Third time He asked. And look what happened at the third time. I don't think that it was immediately one question after the other. Remember this the breakfast fellowship and they were eating fish and bread. As they were eating Jesus turned to Peter and said, Peter do you love Me? Peter says, yes. Then they continued fellowshiping, eating and He talks about the things of the kingdom of God. In one of His pauses, He turns and says, Peter do you love me more than these? Peter says, yes, I love you. By now Peter's heart is beating fast. His mind begin thinking, I wonder why He must ask me all these questions. Why doesn't he ask the others? Look at Mathew over there, while everyone was having a wonderful time eating breakfast and fellowshiping, rejoicing in the Lord together, Peter was a bit quiet that day. Pondering in his heart the question of God. See, the question He asked was to make him search himself. Perhaps after most of the bread and fish has finished and breakfast was over Jesus turned and asked Peter again and said 'Peter, do you love me?' And this time Peter's emotions came out. You know I love you. See, he was grieved but he must understand what Jesus was doing.

Jesus wants Peter to look into the depth, the recesses where deep call on the deep. Spirit call on to spirit, deep within the heart and corridors of Peter's mind and heart to examine himself. Have you any doubts about the Master? Have you any doubts about His forgiveness? You denied Him three times, do you still love Him and do you really treasure Him? Are you willing to commit yourself unto death? All these things are coming and when Peter said that last statement 'yes', everything in him came out. Jesus was digging it out of him. And you know what Jesus was getting at? Jesus had a final revelation to give to Peter before He goes. He still got a little more time in the book of Acts before He was ascended, but He had a little secret that He knows He must tell Peter. He knows that Peter did not know and He knew that He had to let Peter know so that Peter will prepare himself. Before He does that He had to search Peter's heart to see whether he was ready for the revelation that He was about to give. You know revelation given in wrong timing is pearls cast before swine. You won't understand the value of it. You won't understand the purpose of it.

When Peter cried out in exaggeration and said, Master I love you. You know my heart and you know I really do. Jesus knew he was ready and said, Peter before I go I tell you this. You must die for me. I tell you, it was like a thunderbolt to

Peter. Jesus was preparing him for that revelation. He knew many things but He did not let them know. For a moment, there was silence and finally Peter understand Jesus told him in verse 18, let me tell you why I ask you three times. Let me tell you why I want to really know that you have made a commitment to me. Because it's not going to be enough to commit yourself like you were committed before. You ran away, you turned back and you denied me. In your commitment now, you must be willing to lay down your life and die for me.

The Lord said in verse 18, *"Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."* It was all in code but Peter knew what He meant. He didn't use the word *die* but he knew what the Lord meant. And that day he knew the Lord knows about his heart. Yes, a sword will pierce through your heart and the secrets of many hearts will be revealed, Simon said. Peter knows that He knows his own destiny. Moreover Peter knew that the Lord knows the beginning and the end. The Lord knows our life is engraved upon His palm. He knows every avenue and pathways that our life will lead to. Peter said, Master I know you know all things. Now Peter knew that the Lord knew about him and everybody. So Peter wants to know about him. Am I the only one to die, Lord? What about him, will he die? And the Lord said its up to me but Peter; it's not for you to know about him at the moment.

Do you see the function of the mind of Christ? I tell you, to walk and live with our Master is like a daily miracle process, even if you don't see any other miracle, just to be with Him is a miracle that will change and transform your life. Of course we will see all other signs and wonders but the knowledge and the mind, the most striking thing about the Lord was that He knows all things. He knew when the people are going to be healed, He knew how to bring the healing to them. He knew the words to say to them and He knew all things.

There are many times God confronted men. Ezekiel 37, Ezekiel was another one whom the Lord said, son of man can this bones live. Ezekiel had already known and tasted the glory of God. Ezekiel knows that when God said that it doesn't mean He doesn't know. When God asks that He is testing him. So Ezekiel says, Lord you know. Say, Lord you know, Lord you know my life. You know my

situation, you know my future, you know my past, you know all things and I can put my hand in your hand for you to take me because you know all things. See; because He knows we can safely say the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He leads me besides still water; lie down in green pastures, even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death when I can't see the way through the tunnel. If He leads me and He is my shepherd I will hold on to Him because your rod and your staff will comfort me and I will follow the Lord. The Lord knows all things. When you and I were born again the Lord put into our spirit the spirit of the divine Christ full of wisdom, full of meekness, full of love and peace. When you and I were born again, that spirit of Christ was breathing into us and He gave us a new spirit. He says a new heart will I give you. A new spirit will I put into you. I will put my spirit into you, the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit will lead you and guide you into all truth. Truth in the science realm. Truth in the architectural realm. Truth in all the fields in human study. The Holy Spirit will lead you in all truth and He will show you things to come.

You can know the things to come. In I Cor.2: 9 *"But as it is written eyes has not seen, nor ear heard nor has entered into the heart of man the things to which God has prepared for those who love Him.* The limit of your intelligence, the limit of your understanding, the limit of your ability is not in yourself, in your genes, in your education, in your training but the limit is your love for the Lord and for man. Eyes had not seen nor have entered into the heart of man, what God has reserved for those who love Him. Solomon loves the Lord in his early days and God blessed him with wisdom. Daniel kept the covenant because he loves Him and he was blessed with 10 times wisdom the world could possess. Joseph loves the Lord and said no to many tests when the enemy tempted him and the Lord blessed him and promoted him. I tell you, if you love the Lord ask of Him, if any man lack wisdom ask of Him, for He will give freely to those who ask.

Let me continue reading. 1 Cor 2: 10-11 *But God has revealed to us through His Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him?* You see, God knows we cannot know ourselves fully either except the spirit of man who is in him. So if your spirit is dead how can you know? If your spirit is dysfunctional how can you know? So your spirit is to be made alive. Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

1 Cor 2: 12 *Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit, which is from God that you might know the things that has been freely given to us by God. If you know it you have it. If you don't know it, you can't have it. So your mind is down there, and if you don't see it and know it even though it's yours, you can't have it. That we might know the things that are freely given to us by God. God gave it to you that you might be an apostle, prophet, evangelist, teacher or pastor that you may know your ministry and life to the fullness. God gave it to you that you might be a successful businessman. From His grace, God gave it to you that you might be a successful mother, successful employer, successful in every area for all the good gifts of God comes from God. Things in the kingdom, things in the world. All that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God.*

Paul goes on in verse 13, *These things we also speak not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches us comparing spiritual things with spiritual but the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.* The natural man's mind is affected by the spirit of the world and hence, the natural man does not, cannot understand spiritual things. It's impossible for him because his mind is in enmity with God.

But he who is spiritual judges all things yet he himself is rightly judged by no one, for "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" I mean no one can instruct the Lord. Who knows better than Jesus of Nazareth who is risen, ascended and seated at the right hand of God. Who may instruct Him? Yes, no one, no man. He is wisdom personified; He is embodiment of all that we are able to do. Who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? None can instruct Him but wait, He can instruct us. If we hear Him and receive Him and Paul says, I want you to read last line together with me. 1 Cor 2: 16 *But we have the mind of Christ.* There are 3 things that you need to know to develop the mind of Christ.

Reception

No.1, our minds can function with the mind of Christ by receiving. Receiving not the things of the world, everything you perceive, every *a priory* knowledge. Sense knowledge is received from the natural senses. But the most important thing is you must open your mind to the thoughts, to the affections and the feelings of the Lord Jesus Christ. His Spirit is attached to your spirit and His mind flows through His spirit into your mind. So open your mind to God. Let Him expand your possibilities. Let Him expand your understanding like the sand on the seashore. Let Him expand you. No.1, the mind of Christ received is the mind created to receive. It did not say that we write, but it says He writes. In Heb.8 it says He writes. You will never get the brilliant idea by yourself. You will never get the idea or the solutions to your problem by yourself. It is not just brainstorming; brainstorming has a place in fellowship. Brain storming spiritually should be we exchanging what we hear from Him and comparing notes. But it is coming in prayer and in humility and in dependence of Him saying O God you know. Give me a portion of that knowledge for the profession of my work. See the mind of Christ functions in reception. Jesus is constantly receiving, He is hearing God all the time. He says the Father shows me things and what to do and I see I do that. 24 hours a day He is hearing God. Do you hear God? God is speaking all the time, He is teaching us. The spirit showed things to all men. Shows things, He is teaching us the walk of life. No.1, reception. A lot of people's receptions are turned off. They are only tuned to their own intellect. They are not tuned to the mind of Christ. Unless your intellect stops the mind of Christ cannot operate. I am not saying that we put aside our intellect; the intellect comes in after the reception but not before.

Reflection

No.2 Reflection. The only way you could tap on to the mind of Christ is to get away from the spirit of the world and the spirit that influence the hearts and minds of every human being on this earth without Jesus. Right now there is a devil out there, we do not have to fear him because we have authority over him but he is influencing lives for evil. In order to have reflection, you must receive first then you reflect upon what He has revealed to you. You need to draw aside. In reception the key word is to *ask*. Ask and He will give. Ask for His wisdom. Whenever you keep asking and every problem you face you ask. You have not

because you didn't ask. The key word in reflection is *turn* or *come aside*. Come aside to be with the Master. Come aside and away from the things of this life. Come aside to sit with the Master at the throne room. Approach Him and as you sit in the heavenly places with Jesus Christ, all the wisdom of the universe flows into you. All the understanding and resources of the universe flow to you. When you receive that then you can come down in the natural sense and work out. Until you begin to see the leaves and then you see the forest again. Come aside and once again sit in the heavenly places with Christ. Let the river of wisdom flow through you. As it flows through you will know again. It's a constant coming aside. You need to be with Him.

There are many times in Jesus life that you notice this about Him. Let me just point to the gospel of Mark 1:35 *"Now in the morning having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place and there He prayed."* You have to be alone with God but not necessary lonely. There were many times He had to shut Himself away that He may hear the mind of the Father. Every time a critical point in His life, you notice in the gospel of Luke 6, I have no doubt He already has the mind that God has endowed Him with the Holy Spirit, although He had it, He had to go aside.

In Luke 6:12-13 *"Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles."* I believe He already knows, it doesn't take Jesus the whole night to find out whom He choose. In fact I suspect He know it before that because when He saw Peter He says you are Simon but you shall be called the rock. He knows, but why did He go aside? Because He knows that there is a big decision to make the next day. He wants the wisdom of the Father to flow abundantly in His life. He has to reflect on what went on. See, often times there are much going and coming and He needs to reflect on what's going on. From time to time He did. If you remember in John 6 after the feeding of the 5000, they wanted to make Him a king. Any carnal natural man would have rejoiced with that, but Jesus knew this was not in the plan of God. He was a spiritual king over a spiritual kingdom. He knew all men and He knew their motives. He went aside to be by Himself. The greatest mind has always calmed and need a solitary place. Some of us have never sat alone by ourselves. You do not know the riches of self discovery and discovery in God from the hassle

of life unless you come aside. If you want to develop the mind of Christ, you need to set time aside. Be alone, I mean ALONE, not even anyone you love besides the Lord. Some of us we love the Lord but we have never come face to face with God alone, in fact we can't survive or we are afraid to be alone by our self. There is something wrong in your life that needs healing. Being alone is not being lonely. A lot of the great works of humanity came to the minds of people in a solitary place. Let me tell you the twentieth century type of life style where everything is fast pace will not develop your life if you go with the hustle of life. If you want to be above average and not living among the mediocre you have to seek time to be alone with God and yourself, to reflect on life and on yourself. To reflect on what you are doing and all things. Jesus was doing that way.

Renewal

The 1st is reception. The key word is ask. The 2nd is reflection. The key word is come aside. The 3rd in developing the mind of Christ is renewal. Renewal involves 2 processes. No.1 Impartation and No.2 Reconstruction. Impartation means that the life of God is imparted into you. Substance of God is imparted to you. It is like the eyes of your heart being opened by the light of God. Luke 24, notice that between understanding and not understanding the scripture stand just a touch from the Lord. Not three years of training here or there or university. But the difference in Luke 24 between them knowing and not knowing is verse 45. *And He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the scriptures.* If He can open your understanding to understand scriptures, He can open your understanding to understand science. He can open your understanding to understand music, to understand art and anything. He can open your understanding, that's impartation. To have His life and light imparted.

No.2 is reconstruction. That's the harder part. It is to relearn, to tear down what you used but now is not suitable for you. Some of the things that you have been building on certain principles are perhaps 75% pure. Now you receive a purity of 85%, you got to tear down and redo again. You know one of the first things that Paul needed in his life when he was born again was to go to Arabia. He was in Arabia according to the book of Galatians for some years and then Damascus. Why,

because all his life he had never known Jesus as the Messiah. He was anti Jesus, anti Christian. He was suddenly born again and there were so many things he got to rethink. So many theological aspects he got to reconstruct. From the shamble of his theological understanding, he has to reconstruct a new theology. A new understanding of the Messiah, a new interpretation of the scripture and that's not instant. That is the harder part, the reconstruction, redoing of things. But as you began to obey what you receive, your intellect began to take on the character of the mind of Christ and its going to be permanent in your life.