

Our Challenge: To pursue the mind of Christ that offers us a way of thinking and decision-making that is good and acceptable and perfect in the eyes of the Father.

"All of you [Christians] should be of **one mind**. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessings. For the Scriptures say, 'If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil.' [Psalm 34:12-16]" – 1 Peter 3:8-12

"So prepare your **minds** for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world." – 1 Peter 1:13

The Gold Standard: "Let the same **mind** ["attitude" = NLT] be in you that was in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 2:5, NRSV

"MIND" = "ATTITUDE" or "THINKING"

The Mind of Christ is something we're _____ by grace when we come to faith in Jesus Christ

"We have the mind of Christ." – 1 Corinthians 2:16

1. The Mind of Christ is like an _____ for our brains

- It _____ the "bugs"
- It _____ our "hard drives"
- It _____ how they "run"

2. The Mind of Christ gets _____ when we come to faith in Jesus Christ

"Because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires." – 2 Peter 1:4

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" – 2 Corinthians 5:17

3. The Mind of Christ gets _____ as we cultivate a "godly" mind

→ This is _____ than head knowledge or mental assent

→ It's allowing God's ongoing _____

"Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your **mind**.'" – Matthew 22:37

"Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.." – Colossians 3:2

- We _____ to the Holy Spirit's leading

"Listen to me and make up your **minds** to honor my name,' says the Lord of Heaven's Armies." – Malachi 2:2

"Letting your sinful nature control your **mind** leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace." – Romans 8:6

- We _____ our thoughts and we _____ what we do with them

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." – Romans 12:2

"Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert **mind** and a thankful heart." – Colossians 4:2

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*All Scripture references are from the New Living Translation (NLT) of the Bible unless otherwise noted