

The Mind in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:1-11)

Senior Pastor Jang and the mission team are on a mission to Mexico. God has raised the church for world missions. In Philippians 1:6 "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." The good work that God has begun in the Philippians is their participation in the Gospel (Philippians 1:5). While the Philippian church began by receiving the Gospel through Lydia, they were also the church that supported the Apostle Paul's missions (twice to Thessalonica and once to Ephesus). This is true for the church as well. We have received the gospel, and we are committed to world missions. We believe that God will accomplish His work through us until the day of Christ Jesus. But what does the church need to accomplish the work of the gospel to the end?

1. Have one mind.

Humans can't live alone, so they always need someone. You have your family, church members, friends, and coworkers to be by your side. But a house that works is knitted together.

What is the heart? The Hebrew word for heart in the Bible is "lev". It's a word that refers to the inner man in contrast to the outer man. In other words, it's a word that refers to your inner center. The Bible says that everyone's spiritual functioning comes from this heart (Prov. 4:23).

However, no one can know what this mind is, because it refers to your inner self, which is invisible. Furthermore, there are times when you don't even know what your mind is. Therefore, when you are working together to accomplish something, there will always be problems when these minds do not communicate with each other and do not unite.

The church at Philippi was helping Paul's mission, but it also had problems that would not allow it to continue. There was a team of evangelists with ulterior motives, some of whom were trying to harass Paul in prison. There were also legalists, so Paul told them to look out for the dogs and the evildoers. On the other hand, some followed ethics and morals. Some said, "I have already realized the Gospel, so I don't need morals," and lived as they pleased. Paul called them enemies of the cross. But this problem arose because of the environment. The problem is that there was a lot of strife in the church. They had two female leaders, Euodia and Syntyche, and they had a lot of conflict. This is the kind of thing that would break up a church today. But Apostle Paul tells them not to "stop fighting," but to be of the same mind. (Phil. 4:2)

Whether in church, at home, at work, or in relationships, you can exhort, fellowship, comfort, or help one another. But today the Apostle Paul states to be of one mind before you do anything. He tells you to have one mind. May the church be of one mind and heart.

2. Have the mind of Christ Jesus.

The mind you should have is the mind of Christ. Satan will do whatever he can to break your mind and heart and keep you from being one. Sometimes he does this for very obvious reasons, and sometimes he brings great trouble. Whether it's a couple, an organization, or a church, Satan is at work to not allow one mind to take place. But what we need to look at today is what kind of mind must the church have to be united as one. It's not about being of one mind with the Senior Pastor or being of one mind with the elders and members. What you need to be of one mind with God. In Genesis 3, Adam and Eve were of one mind to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. To be of one mind among people is to be considerate of each other. But what Satan did was to break all mankind to not be one mind and heart with God. Even if Adam and Eve are on good terms now, it's easy to break the unity.

We are told to have the mind of Christ, but what was Christ's mind? He was God, yet he emptied himself and decided to come to earth as flesh. And he decided to come and die, submitting himself to death, even to death on the cross. What does this mean? He followed God's will. The important thing is not that Jesus came to earth, or that he died on the cross, but why? Why did he save you? Because Jesus knew it was the heart of God. Jesus became one with the heart of God, Christ was willing to take the cross to save you. It is difficult to surpass human characters, but it is possible if you have the heart of God at your center. That is why God has exalted the name of Christ and caused every tongue to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

The Apostle Paul exhorts the Philippians to be of one mind, to be humble, to not live selfishly, and to help others as if they were their own body. To some extent, you live humbly and help others. People in the world live this way too. But how can you share the Gospel if that's how the world lives? Don't we have to go a little further than the world, sometimes even at the cost of mercy? The only way to do that is to have the mind of Christ Jesus. Let's be honest, hard things are hard. For Jesus, the cross wasn't just hard, it was impossible, and that's why he prayed before he went to the cross that his sweat would turn to blood.

Therefore, may you have the mind of Christ in all your problems as you confess today that Jesus is the Christ, the solution to all your problems. And enjoy Immanuel God, who is with you even today. Jesus Christ is enough. You must believe that Jesus Christ is the only solution to all the countless problems in this world. As a people who share this belief, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ that we will be a church and an individual who will not waver because of the mind of Christ but will apply the mind of Christ to every aspect of our lives and fulfill the will and desire of God to the end.