

The Mind of Christ

The daily schedule grinds you down, the kids' noise winds you up and finances stress you out! What a challenge, this thing we call "modern life." Where is all the free time promised by kitchen conveniences and power tools? Shouldn't 40 hour work weeks and gigahertz computers bring more peace to life?

Good news: peace doesn't come from prosperity and joy is not found in conveniences. It is much more simple. We often forget that the "peace that passes understanding" (Philippians 4:4-7) comes from a right relationship with God.

Read the passage, "...rejoice... have a gentle spirit... overcome anxiety... pray. Then, and only then, will you have the peace that comes from God and guards your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus.

Why? Because as you develop that relationship with Jesus and apply His peace in your life, you are developing the mind of Christ... His attitudes, His priorities, His trust in the heavenly Father.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Cor. 2:16). Indeed the apostles had the "mind of Christ," but can we, today, have the mind of Christ? Of course... two ways.

One: we have the "mind of Christ" between two leather covers... the Bible, the revealed, written word of God. In it we have "everything pertaining to life and godliness," 2 Peter 1:3.

Two: we have being created in our minds, the mind of Christ. As we live and learn and grow we have Christ formed in us (Colossians 1:27). We learn to think like He thinks, love like He loves. In short, we are not merely taught the facts, we are disciplined to become like Him (1 Corinthians 11:1). Rejoice to be like Jesus and have the mind of Christ.

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