

Christlike: The Mind of Christ

Read: Philippians 2:1-11

Main idea: Embracing the mind of Christ transforms our hearts and lives, enabling us to live in a way that reflects His love and grace to those around us.

Key Verses: "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus..." **(2:3-4 ESV)**

Key Principles:

- Adopting the mind of Christ is essential for spiritual growth and effective witness in the world.
- Humility, servanthood, and love are key components of a Christlike mindset.
- We must let go of our selfish ambition and embrace humble service in our interactions with others.
- As we look to Christ, we should be inspired to cultivate a mindset of obedience to God, despite the sacrifices and challenges of this world.
- Our trust should be in God's ultimate purpose and reward for our life and faithfulness.
- Remember that glorification comes from God and He exalts the humble.
- We must live our lives with an eternal perspective in view no matter the circumstances of this life.

Discussion:

1. What kind of motivation does Paul give for the church to serve one another with compassion in verses 1-4?
2. Is it challenging to avoid rivalry and put the needs of others ahead of your own? How would College Road be different if everyone faithfully lived out vs 3-4?
3. How does Jesus show us the Philippians 2:3-4 kind of life?
4. How does this passage remind us of our need for a Savior?
5. How is Jesus' model of leadership different from a worldly view of leadership? How can you put this type of life in practice today?
6. How is the exaltation of Christ displayed in this passage? Why is that important for us today?
7. Does the knowledge that one day everyone will worship Christ as Lord inspire you to act differently now? Does it affect your desire to share the gospel with others? Why?

Prayer:

- Focus on having the mind of Christ in your attitudes and actions towards others.
- Pray:
 - That God would help you to overcome your selfishness for Christ's character.
 - That God would remind you of the sacrifice that Christ made to save you.
 - That God give you a passion for sharing the gospel with those that are lost.

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| I. | <u>Cultivate the character of Christ.</u> | 2:1-5 |
| 1. | <u>Enjoy</u> divine <u>blessings</u> . | 2:1 |
| 2. | <u>Exhibit</u> divine <u>behavior</u> . | 2:2-4 |
| II. | <u>Consider the humiliation of Christ.</u> | 2:6-8 |
| 1. | See His humility in His <u>renunciation</u> . | 2:6 |
| 2. | See His humility in His <u>incarnation</u> . | 2:7 |
| 3. | See His humility in His <u>crucifixion</u> . | 2:8 |
| III. | <u>Celebrate the exaltation of Christ.</u> | 2:9-11 |
| 1. | <u>Accept</u> His exalted <u>position</u> . | 2:9 |
| 2. | <u>Adopt</u> His exalted <u>confession</u> . | 2:10-11 |

NEXT WEEK:
Excellence: Offering Our Best to God
Malachi 1:6-14