

Resting in God
“Observing everything from Christ’s perspective”

Study 18

1 Corinthians 2:15-16 (Amplified Bible)

But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him].

16) For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

Participating in the thoughts and reasoning’s of Christ with Him is no small thing. He understands all of the workings of His Father, the limitless wealth of His Father’s Kingdom, and their relationship to us. He discerns all things through the power of the Holy Spirit. Everything He does is accurate and flawless.

While the world flounders around under the influence of the lesser Kingdoms, those resting in Christ can know what is proceeding from the heart of God. After spending time with Him, understanding their part in whatever He is doing through them, they can move in unison with His will.

To walk in the wealth of the mind of Christ, we must have His ways revealed to us. What is so exciting is that Jesus desires to share all He has and is with us. He delights in taking us by the hand to explore the frontier of His Father’s Kingdom. It is His pleasure to show us everything we need to know to live there with Him. Our being with Him is part of the joy He foresaw that allowed Him to endure the cross.

Matthew 11:12 (New International Version) From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

The Word says that you and I have the mind of Christ. We hold the thoughts of His heart. We understand the wonder of God’s plan. The things of God make sense to us.

Most of the time, however, we are at war against our carnal thoughts and human reason. We have difficulty breaking through our human reasoning because that is exactly where the powers of the lower kingdoms desire for us to stay. All of their forces are diligently at work keeping us distracted by challenges and circumstances. If they can keep us focused on the elemental forms of life with its hazards and distractions, they minimize our effectiveness. We are not a threat to their desire that everyone share the dismal fate that is theirs. They love to see powerless lives. They love to see the work of the cross minimized and thought of no as consequence or importance by those who need to see Jesus in us.

When you shake off the carnal fog, you destroy the effectiveness of the lower kingdoms and mightily advance the Kingdom of heaven. When you embrace the mind of Christ by allowing the Holy Spirit to teach you how to reason and deem important what He cherishes, you begin to walk in the same kind of untouchable life that He had, destroying every stronghold the powers of the lower kingdoms set up. You daily render all of their plans ineffective in you and in others that you touch.

Determine today that you are at war against carnal thinking. Ask the God to guide you by His Holy Spirit to Christ’s way of reasoning and functioning. Determine to function in the kind of mindset that Jesus functioned in. Don’t give up until your thinking is in line with God’s Word. That is the frontier that Jesus delights to show you. That is the place that He has won for you.

Hebrews 4:9-10 (New International Version) There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10) for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.

When our heart pumps in unison with the heart of Jesus; when our thoughts and purposes flow together, we begin to function in the perfect will of God. As we remain in His perfect will, we remain in perfect peace and in perfect rest. Any challenge that the powers of the lower kingdoms send our way are nullified by the power of the Holy Spirit on our behalf. Any challenge that we may face are no longer

constrained by carnal responses. They only present a platform for the limitless options of God to work in us and for us. When we are resting in the mind of Christ the perils of the world and its ways function without us, far from us, and are harmless to us.

For thought or discussion:

Even though you have been given the mind of Christ, what thoughts do you entertain that He wouldn't

How will your thinking be modified if you start to think along the lines of God's perfect will for you