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The mindset of Christ

TEXT: Philippians 2 verse 1-10

In the book of Philippians 2 verse 5 the word says let that mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus. The question now is what is that mindset that was in Christ Jesus? The mindset of Christ is that of a humble attitude of unselfish devotion and a sacrificial service to others. As Jesus Christ left heaven and came down to earth, he saw himself as a servant and sufficient to die for others. (Philippians 2 verse 7-8). First this is a mindset of humility, God came down and made himself of no reputation and took the form of a servant. Verses 8 says, 'and being found in the fashion of a man he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death on the cross. So, the first element of the mindset of Christ Jesus is Humility.

In verse 6 he brought down the sovereignty of God, humbled himself as a servant and paid the price of sacrifice for us. The second element of the mindset of Christ as we see here is sacrifice. He gave himself up on the cross to save others In Philippians 2 verse 1-4 brother Paul spoke about having the same mind and working together in unity and one accord. This illustrates his exhortation to oneness, lowliness and helpfulness. And from verse 5 he says let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. It is the Lord's pattern of example that is a powerful incentive to unity and humility. It is very essential that we understand what this means and follow his example. What let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus means is that the same attitude and character that Jesus had of humbling himself and serving others should be found in us. It means having a humble mind that can sacrifice and put others first than ourselves.

The very same actions, attitudes and outlook that Jesus had putting others first and giving himself to die for our sin is the mindset of Christ. Philippians 2 verse 1-4, brother Paul was admonishing them that nothing should be done through selfish ambition or consent but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interest but also for the interest of others. We put Jesus first, others second and you are the last on the list, unfortunately in the culture of the world today individuals come first. It is about you and whatever meets your need. Nobody seems to care about the other. This is why the society is the way it is today. Everyone is looking out for his own interest and nobody seemed to care about others. Those in Government loot and steal the collective patrimony of the people and leave them impoverished. People get into public positions and help themselves without caring about those they are there to serve. But the mindset of Jesus Christ is different, it is lowliness and humility and others first before you. This is the meaning of the spirit of sacrifice.



Having the mind of Christ means viewing the world with compassion, responding with humility and sacrifice and aligning your thoughts with God's purpose rather than human philosophy. (Roman 12 vs 2) (1Corinthians 2 verse 16)

So as children of God we have to carry the mindset of Christ which is humility, sacrifice and preferring others first and this is when the true joy will manifest in our life- Jesus first, others next and you- the last on the list. May God give us the mindset of Jesus Christ in Jesus name Amen.

But unfortunately, a man cannot have the mindset of Christ except he or she has fully surrendered to the authority of Christ by being born again. The question now is are you born again. Have you surrendered to Jesus? If you have done so congratulations but if you are yet to simply bow your head wherever you are and confess your sins to him. Ask Him for mercy and promise never to go back to your sins. Say Lord HELP me, I surrender my life to you, from today I renounce my sins and promise never to go back to them again. Have mercy on me'. If you have offered this brief confession from your heart, the Lord has forgiving you and from today you have become a new creature, old things are passed away, for everything has become new. Congratulations your name has been written in the book of life. Just look for a bible believing church around you and begin to fellowship with them. You will begin to see the amazing wonders of God in your life. Congratulations once more. Read me again next month.