

The truth and the mind of Christ

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Introduction

1. Philippians 2:5-11
2. Let this mind be in you means: to think a certain way, to be wise, to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek or strive for.
3. Paul sought to get man to bring their thoughts into captivity to Christ 2 Corinthians 10:5
4. This passage tells us of the mind of Christ
5. We are to have the mind of Christ text 1 Peter 2:21
6. What was the mind of Christ toward the lost Luke 19:10
7. What is our mind toward the lost?

II Discussion

1. Are we sincere with the truth?
 1. People are not converted until the heart is reached Romans 6:17
 2. The heart or mind is the control center of life and conduct Proverbs 4:23; 23:7
 3. When the heart is right, one will be willing to search for the truth Matthew 5:6
 4. One will be willing to accept the truth once one finds it Acts 2:41; 4:12; 17:11
2. Are we submissive to the truth?
 1. If one is sincere with the truth, it will lead him to submit to it.
 2. Some say, "Just as long as one is sincere in religion, it doesn't matter what he believes."
 3. Ask Naaman if it mattered 2 Kings 5:11, 12
 4. Christ was submissive to the truth Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 5:8-9
 5. This attitude is taken by anyone who has humbled himself before God Matthew 11:29; Philippians 2:6-7
3. Are we sharing the truth?
 1. A willingness to share the truth with others is evidence of the fact that one possesses the above attitudes
 2. Let us consider some common attitudes toward the lost
 1. Complacent
 1. This is not a matter of ill-will; it is simply indifference.
 2. This is seen in one who is self-satisfied Luke 12:16-21
 2. Condescending
 1. Here is one who feels superior to those who are lost
 2. This is the elder brother's attitude Luke 15:28-30
 3. Paul overcame this attitude 1 Corinthians 15:10
 4. We all have sinned Romans 3:23
 5. There we go except by the grace of God Galatians 6:1
 3. Compromising
 1. Some what to rationalize and justify those outside of the church
 2. All are lost and there is only one way to heaven John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 1:3
 3. The way to heaven is clearly marked John 8:32; Matthew 7:13-14; Hebrews 5:9; Matthew 7:21
 4. Compromising the truth will never save the lost, but it will cause the saved to be lost 1 Timothy 4:6; Ephesians 4:15
 5. Compassionate
 1. We should look at people as God looks at them 1 Peter 2:25; Matthew 9:10-13; Mark 6:30-34
 2. How do we treat the word of God?

III Conclusion

1. We must have the mind of Christ to be saved!

2. We must have the mind of Christ toward the lost to be saved!
3. What is your mind toward the lost?
4. Are you lost or saved?
5. Have the mind of Christ and obey from the heart

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