

The Image of Christ
Part 10
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Hello everyone, it's April 4th of 2025 and this is part 10 in the Image of Christ series. Thinking back to what we learned in part nine, how it was the Father who worked through Christ to perform what He did is instructional. Christ was so at one with the Father that He knew His Father would do what He did.

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Correspondingly, the Father also knew that Christ would never do anything outside of His will. So, then working together was a very natural thing. That also brings in the dynamic that when the locals of the day were busy rejecting Christ and all He did, they were also rejecting the Father, the true God who did those things through Him.

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They were totally deceived, not recognizing God's Son or His Father, who dwells in Him, and did the works. Their concept of "God" was completely false. With that in place, we can better understand Christ's words in John 8, verses 37 – 47. Once we have a better grasp of the background, we have a better understanding of why Christ said what He did. So, let's read that in the book of John; John 8, verses 37 – 47, where Christ said:

³⁷"I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.

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And when we stop to consider that Christ only spoke what the Father told Him to speak, and when they heard it, they wanted to kill Him, shows you that their perception of God, as they understood it was completely antagonistic to the true God. He goes on to say:

³⁸I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father."

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So, Christ knew exactly who their Father was.

³⁹They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children,

And they, in fact, were the descendants of Abraham.

you would do the works of Abraham.

They had a different God than Abraham did. And He said:

⁴⁰But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth

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So, they are working for another team, and they hated the truth.

which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. ⁴¹You do the deeds of your father.”

So, Christ was able to see by their attitude and their actions, who their father really was.

Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

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If folk's god, is the wrong god, they cannot stand to hear the truth from the true Christ. He goes on to say, unequivocally:

⁴⁴You are of your father the devil,

Christ knew who He was the Son of the Father, the real Father.

and the desires of your father you want to do.

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They wanted to kill Christ. He goes on to say that their father was a murderer from the beginning, just like they wanted to be murderers to kill Christ.

... and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.

So, he's pointing out to them that their father has no truth, and His Father and Him, do have the truth.

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And of course they were very anxious to hear that.

When he (your father) speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

So, He's outlining to them in fact who their father is, their father is a liar and he's the source of all lies.

⁴⁵But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.

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Well, isn't that interesting? If one's father is the wrong father, then when the truth is spoken, they don't believe it; because they have a different father.

⁴⁶Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?

Here's a Being that cannot, and does not lie, telling them the truth and they didn't believe it. Why? Because their father was the dark side.

⁴⁷He who is of God (the true God) hears God's words; therefore, you do not hear, because you are not of God."

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Have you ever come across someone who might read a verse or two, whatever, and the attitude is just immediate hostility? Now we know why.

⁴⁸Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

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You know, once we get a grasp of the background, like I said, once we have a better understanding of why Christ said what He did. Did you notice the spirit that was active in verse 41 when we read that?

⁴¹... Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God."

It is a critical spirit here, putting down God's Son. Whose spirit do we think that is operating in them?

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Or do we stop to consider such things, or do we just read right past it? And they were putting Him down as if He was born of fornication. You know, it just, you can see the hostility and the put-down, and the critical spirit that is not of the true God. It is of Satan, who seeks to imprint his thoughts into the minds of humans.

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Let's read on in John 8 paying attention to the spirit operating in them, confirming who is actually their father in truth. So, let's read verses 48 – 59.

⁴⁸Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

So, they are hearing the truth, and in their minds, very real, He has a demon. Has the good been changed for the bad, and the bad for the good in their minds?

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⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

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And when we consider that it is the Father who is doing the miracles through Christ, and Christ honored His Father by doing His Father's will, and they dishonored Him and they are really dishonoring the Father, the true God, then we get a better view of the picture here.

⁵⁰And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. ⁵¹Most assuredly, I say to you, (I'm not kidding) if anyone keeps My word; he shall never see death."

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So, here He is equating Himself to His words having the power and the backing of His Father, who told Him what to speak. And notice the reaction. He's telling the truth; did they want to hear it?

⁵²Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he shall never taste death.' ⁵³Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God.

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And He has already pointed out to them, that Satan was their god.

⁵⁵Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it

So, did Abraham have interaction with Christ? Yes he did, it says so.

and he saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

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They didn't have any doubt as to what He was saying.

⁵⁸Christ said to them, "Most assuredly, (I'm telling you the truth) I say to you, before Abraham was, (I existed) or I AM." ⁵⁹Then they took up stones to throw at Him;

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So, Christ was just laying it down about who He was, and His history, and they were so keen to hear it, they wanted to kill Him, and yet He was telling them the truth. Isn't that an amazing set up?

they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

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Did we notice here that these are the folks that kept the Sabbath, kept holy days, observed clean and unclean, yet they were of team dark and wanted to murder God's Son? What spirit would seek to do such a thing? Would that come as an evil thought from a defiled mind, one influenced by Satan? What do you think?

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As we saw in part nine, a mind filled with the poisonous spirit of envy, cannot display the fruit of a holy spirit. Christ had a holy spirit. A mind filled with the spirit of envy is fertile ground for the influence for and from the spirit who works in the sons of disobedience.

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Let's look at some examples of that. In the book of Acts where we'll read Acts 7 verses 9 and 10. Acts 7, verses 9 and 10.

⁹*“And the patriarchs, (the sons of Israel) becoming envious,*

They were feeding on the wrong spirit.

sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him

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If the spirit of envy caused and moved the Jews of the day to murder Christ, and we begin to see how potent having the mind of Satan is in determining behavior. Going on in verse 10.

¹⁰*and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.*

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But notice the spiritual driver here of the sons of Israel himself, was envy. Is it possible to show the fruit of the Spirit of God when the spirit of Satan, of envy, is a major driver? Let's go on, there are more examples. Acts 13, verses 36 – 52.

³⁶*“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God,*

God wanted David as the king.

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fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;

His body decayed.

³⁷but He whom God raised up (Christ) saw no corruption. ³⁸Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; ³⁹and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. ⁴⁰Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you: ⁴¹Behold, you despisers, marvel and perish! For I work a work in your days, a work which you will by no means believe,

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Why? Because they had another father.

though one were to declare it to you.”

So, Christ did declare what it was all about, and they were despisers.

⁴²So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. ⁴³Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. ⁴⁴On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

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Well, Gentiles keeping the Sabbath? Yup.

⁴⁵But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy;

An opposite of love, of the Spirit of God.

and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul.

Who were God's own people actually working for, and what was the spirit that had infected them, that allowed them to be useful idiots for team dark?

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Envy!

⁴⁶Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it,

They didn't believe it because they had another god.

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and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷For so God has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'"⁴⁸ Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the LORD. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

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There is an appointment to eternal life that comes from God.

⁴⁹ And the word of the LORD was being spread throughout all the region. ⁵⁰ But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Not filled with envy, but filled with the Holy Spirit. A Holy Spirit and an envious spirit do not happily coexist; they cannot.

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Let's go to Acts 17, and let's read verses 1 – 13.

¹ Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ² Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

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This is the same guy that did away with the Sabbath, keeping the Sabbath.

³ explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ." ⁴ And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas. ⁵ But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious,

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Somebody else was getting something that they didn't believe, so you can't have that.

took some of the evil men

Did they know which men were evil?

from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. ⁶ But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the

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city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.

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Who were these guys working for?

⁷Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus."⁸And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. ⁹So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. ¹⁰Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. ¹¹These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. ¹²Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men. ¹³But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the crowds.

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Do we not pay attention to the spirit that moves people to action? Can we begin to see the heart? Do we want to see the heart? Do we want to discern good and evil, as Christ obviously did? For as Spirit born Sons of God, made over in the image of Christ, surely the ekklesia will. If the ekklesia always conform to the will of the Father, and the Father lives in the ekklesia, is the working relationship that Christ now has with Yehovah, possible in the ekklesia?

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If not, then why not? Christ set the bar and the example. How much envy did Christ have in His Spirit? If your answer is none, and understand the ekklesia are being made over in His image, and notices their mind filled with something like envy, what might the conclusion bring about by way of action?

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We are given the biblical answer to that in I Peter. You know, let's assume we've come to understand that there is envy in our spirit, where there was no envy in Christ, and certainly no envy in those of the 144,000 of revelation 14. What is the admonition to the ekklesia? Well, let's take a look at that and see first of all, who Peter was talking to, that's important to assess. (I Peter 1:1)

¹ Peter, an apostle of Yeshua Christ, to the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:

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Well, he was speaking to the called of the day, and if we consider ourselves part of that same called of today, today, then this is just as applicable to us as it would be to those that he spoke the words to. Let's go to verse 20. I Peter 1:20.

²⁰He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world,

Speaking of Christ.

but was manifest

Or revealed, is what my inspired margin says.

in these last times for you ²¹who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

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Well, we saw in the previous message in Mark 7 what an impure heart actually looks like, and here we are charged to love the brethren with a pure heart, with a heart with none of those things in it.

²³having been born again, not of corruptible seed

That had all of those things in our heart.

but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴because "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, ²⁵but the word of God endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

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So, because of all that, here's the drill. We're being made over in the image of Christ, what are some of the requirements? Let's take a look at I Peter 2, verses 1 – 10.

¹ Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

That's pretty plain.

²as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, (the word of God) that you may grow thereby,

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If we will not lay aside those things of the mind of Satan, which is being pumped into us constantly, how can we grow?

³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

There is a better way.

⁴Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men,

You know, you begin to become obedient to God, you will be rejected by men.

but chosen by Yehovah and precious, ⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood,

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A holy priesthood does not have a defiled heart.

to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

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So, when you rattle through that list in Mark 7 (Verses 21-23) where Christ is saying what an evil heart is, do you believe that, and do we follow the directive of I Peter 2:1? What about that? Going on:

⁷Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,"

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As Christ listed off in John 8, He spoke the truth, but they rejected it because they were of another father.

⁸and "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word,

Christ spoke the word of truth to them and they rejected it.

to which they also were appointed. ⁹But you (the ekklesia) are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

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And did you notice, when we read verse 20 (of I Peter 1. I'll just read it again.

²⁰He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

He was revealed for you, and I of course, at this time. And did you notice how that ties in so nicely with the book of John, (Chapter 1) verse 30 and 31.

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We'll read verse 29 actually.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' ³¹I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."

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God sent His Son to be revealed to Israel. It was simply time that that was going to occur. There came a time when Yehovah chose to reveal His Son to Israel. And notice again, John the Baptist did not know Him until this time.

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One of Satan's tools is that of misdirection; look here, don't look there, and this world is absolutely filled with this. While folks are concentrating on one thing, things are often sneakily done in another area while focus is elsewhere. The political landscape is filled with such goings on. Our current federal election following that exact same meme. And we can see it with the turbulence in the USA, there's things going on, people are looking in one spot, and the action is happening in another, but focus on this and don't look at that.

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If the ekklesia are supposed to discern good and evil, would Satan seek to hide evil? Those people at the time of the flood; God could see that their thoughts were continuously evil, but could they know it was evil? Or were they completely deceived, or partially deceived as the case may be?

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If we are to discern good and evil, it would only make sense that Satan would try and hide that. If Christ was able to discern good and evil at a glance, and the ekklesia are to take on the mind of Christ, they've actually been given it. We can read of that quickly here in I Corinthians 2:16. Let's just take a quick look at that and interject that. There is a capacity that has been given to God's people, and it would make perfect sense of course, that it would be so.

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¹⁶For “who has known the mind of Yehovah that he may instruct Him?”

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Well, the answer is nobody.

But (He says) we have the mind of Christ.

Oh, really, well where did we get that from? And what was the mind of Christ really like? Did He have any evil components to it? Of course not. And we have to be given the mind of Christ.

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Do you think it would make sense that Satan would have the ekklesia's attention focused elsewhere? And where might that elsewhere be? If we are to become one with the Father and Jesus Christ, and that was the prime directive, would Satan seek to focus our attention then perhaps on other areas to keep us away from that? To stop looking at what is paramount in our own personal development; you think he would actually do that?

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If a demon knew all the truth, would that make him not a demon? Well, let's take a look at something we could at least consider in James 2:19.

¹⁹You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

But the demons believe that there is one God. They have knowledge and understanding. They might even have all the truth, if they knew it all, could they do that and still be demons?

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Would or could it be possible that we spend most of our time searching for truth, and we don't have it; it must be searched for from the scriptures. Could we spend all of our time there, and neglect taking on the mind of Christ, to become one with Him and the Father? Would Satan do anything He could to prevent the ekklesia from becoming one with the Father and Jesus Christ?

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Has their focus been on believing this or that, a source of identity in that way, rather than a focus on taking on the mind of Christ? What do you think? Paul understood the necessity for a member of the ekklesia to take on the mind of Christ. And he actually addressed that in the book of Philippians. So, let's go to Philippians 2; Philippians 2 and we will read verse 5. Philippians 2, where he made the statement:

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⁵*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,*

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And then he describes in a way of what the mind of Christ was like, and an example. But this is far from being complete. Going on, verse 6

⁶*who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,*
⁷*but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.* ⁸*And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

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So, he's laying out in one way what Christ's mind was like. But that's only one feature. Is the mind of Christ also free of the evil articulated in Mark 7, verses 20 – 23? We read that the other time. Is and was Christ's mind free of such things? Was Christ in any way defiled, and do we think, as we walk through this passage in Mark 7 again, that that might be a requirement actually, to be at one with the Father and His Son?

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²⁰*And He (Christ) said, "What comes out of a man,*

Mark 7:20

that defiles a man.

Neither the Father or Christ are defiled.

²¹*For from within, out of the heart of men,*

You know, it says in Jeremiah, the heart of a man is desperately wicked, but who can know it? So, Part of the conversion of the ekklesia is to come to understand what that desperately wicked really is, and recoil and run from it

²¹*For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,* ²²*thefts, covetousness, wickedness,*

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We are coming up to the time, as it says in I Corinthians, we are to get rid of malice and wickedness. Well, why? Because we cannot be at one with the Father and Christ if we are filled with that.

deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³*All these evil things come from within and defile a man."*

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So, if in fact we are one of the ekklesia, would we be actively seeking to understand what those words even mean, and thesaurus.com is a marvelous tool we can look at to come to understand that, recognize those things in ourselves and in others, as Christ did, and begin to put things in perspective.

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If we remove all of those things from our mind, being transformed, by the renewing of our mind, would we be closer to being at one with the Father and Christ, or would we be further from the Father and Christ and their oneness?

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Let's look at a few scriptures as we begin to wind down here. Matthew 22, and we are going to read verse 37.

³⁷Jesus said to him, "You shall love Yehovah your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Now that's interesting. Your mind. Would we love God enough to remove all of those things from our minds so that we could be like Him? Would that be something that we should consider?

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Let's go on to Romans 1 where we get some more rather penetrating definitions. We'll start reading Romans 1 and 28.

²⁸And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge,

Well, He's the one that defines these things. He's the one that explains these things to us.

God gave them over to a debased mind,

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So, now we have an accurate definition of what a debased mind thinks and does, in contrast to those who have a knowledge of God and His definitions, and it's very plain. If we have a debased mind it ultimately leads,

to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹being filled with all unrighteousness,

The ekklesia, blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, ³⁰backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things,

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Can we see how all of these things stand in stark contrast to the mind of God, to whom we hope to aspire.

disobedient to parents, ³¹undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³²who, knowing the righteous judgment of God,

They know this.

that those who practice such things are deserving of death,

They would intellectually understand that, and yet, because of who their father is,

not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

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The definition here of a reprobate mind; how does that fit with our definition? Would a reprobate mind be an evil mind? Would we recognize it as such? How would we process that?

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Romans 8, let's look at verse 7.

⁷Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can (it) be.

It is hostile to God. When Christ was explaining to them their hostility towards Him, because He told them the truth, that was a great divider. In contrast, let's go to Romans 8:27.

²⁷Now He who searches the hearts (The Father) knows what the mind of the Spirit (Christ) is, because He (The Spirit) makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

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Is it God's will that our minds be defiled, that our minds be reprobate, or they be in harmony with Him and His Son? Good questions. Romans 12, verse 2.

²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,

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So, that it no longer be reprobate.

that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Does God wish your and my spirit to be holy, like His? To be at one with Him and Jesus Christ.

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Is it our Father's will that we have the mind of Christ, free of the things that would defile us? Well, why don't we look at II Timothy 1, and we'll read verse 7. II Timothy 1, verse 7.

⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

A non-reprobate mind. He has given us that.

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Let's take a look at Titus. The little book of Titus and we'll read chapter 1, verses 15 and 16. The theme is consistent.

¹⁵To the pure all things are pure,

Pure means undefiled.

but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

It cuts right to the bone.

¹⁶They profess to know God,

And didn't we see that, where Abrahams our father, we already got one God. They professed to know God,

but in works they deny Him,

0:47:34

They actually sought to kill Him and His Son.

being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

Sometimes these scriptures are just painfully clear. Let's go to I Peter 1 to see what our Father's wish is for us. I Peter 1, and let's read verses 13 – 15.

The Image of Christ

Part 10

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¹³Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

0:48:19

So, we read these words of Christ, we have things revealed to us, such as, what evil actually is, and then we are told to remove those things from our minds, to gird up the loins of your mind.

¹⁴as obedient children,

Would we be disobedient if we didn't gird up the loins of our minds?

not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

0:48:46

There was a time when we didn't know, and certainly didn't care that that was so.

¹⁵but as He who called you (the ekklesia) is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

Holy behavior does not come from a defiled mind, but a pure mind.

¹⁶because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

0:49:30

We've got a lot of stuff to think about in the move to the image of Christ.