

# Mind of Christ

## Chapter 2

### 2.1 Renewing Your Mind

Now that your spirit has been Born Again, the Lord requires that we start to live the Truth, which is to live according to the way He made things. Once we are Born Again, we are brought into the Lord's Spiritual world. But being Born Again is just the beginning. To continue to live with Him, we must start living and thinking according to the Truth or the way that He does things, according to the Kingdom of God.

So He says:

EPH 4:17 "So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their **thinking**. [18] They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the **ignorance** that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. [19] Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more."

EPH 4:20 "You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. [21] Surely you heard of Him and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. [22] You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; [23] to be made **new in the attitude of your minds**; [24] **and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**"

EPH 4:25 "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. [26] "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, [27] and do not give the devil a foothold (an opportunity). [28] He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need."

EPH 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. [30] And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. [31] Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. [32] Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

COL 2:20 “Since **you died with Christ** to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules: [21] "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? [22] These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings. [23] Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.”

COL 3:1 “Since, then, **you have been raised with Christ**, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. [2] **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.** [3] For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

1PE 1:13 “Therefore, **prepare your minds for action**; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. [14] As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. [15] But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; [16] for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy.”

RO 11:34 "Who has known **the mind of the Lord?**  
Or who has been His counselor?"

RO 11:35 "Who has ever given to God,  
that God should repay Him?"

RO 11:36” For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.  
To Him be the glory forever! Amen.”

RO 12:1 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. [2] Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

He is also talking that since you are Born Again, that your mind must also be renewed in order for your mind to now understand those things of God. While we were living according to the ways of the world before we were Born again, we learned and did things according to the ways of the World.

EPH 2:1 “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] **in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.** [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. [4] But because of his great love for us, God,

who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Having only the sinful nature to lead us in our life, so we lived according to it. But once we are Born Again, our sinful nature is gone and we now need to live by our new holy nature or our new spirit.

RO 8:5 "Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. [6] **The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; [7] the sinful mind is hostile to God.** It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. [8] Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God."

RO 8:9 "You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. [10] But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. [11] And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you."

So now we must unlearn everything we learned from our false father: the devil. We must give up all pretence of knowledge; all believed knowledge and all experienced knowledge. We must give it all up to the Lord and let Him return it sanctified and holy. But anything that He does not give back, must be renewed and removed and replaced with His perfect way of doing things. If not, then He cannot let us in to heaven, for He will not let any evil come into heaven. So as He says above, "We must be holy, because He is holy."

One of the things that we all need to learn very early in our spiritual walk is that everything is not the same. There is only 2 things in this universe that is always the same: The Lord and salvation. Everything else because people are all involved, is different. One reason for that besides that all people are different, we all have different likes, dislikes, desires, wants and we all make decisions differently, but what we cannot see is the spirit world. We cannot see all of the different evil spirits and how they affect everyone differently. Even when everything seems the same, we go against the same people the same way, we do not see the different spirits that are effecting the situation.

So we all need to learn that when it comes to warfare and life there is **no absolute**. Nothing is black and white, nothing is right or wrong and nothing is either one way or it has to be the opposite way. Everything is grey, everything depends on the situation or what the Lord reveals is the true situation. The world is deceptive. The world is controlled by satan and he is the master of lies and deception. So just because something looks familiar it does not mean that it really is that way. It all depends on what God says is the truth. Only He really sees the spirit world so we must depend on Him to reveal to us what is the truth. The only truth is that which comes from God our Father. Everything must be based on His truth, not man's or the world.

So please always remember, nothing is black and white everything is GREY.

## 2.2 Religious Spirit

One of the old wrong ways is the religion. Religion is defined by God, as "Man's way of worshipping God. Or man idea of how to worship God."

When we worship or are being religions it is in essence tell God how we are going to live with and/or worship Him. It starts with someone that has a spiritual experience or they find something that ended up working spiritually or they we then find something in the bible that is believable and so they believe that it is the only way God that God does things.

Just because it is right for them, or something spiritual worked for them or God did something miracles, they think it is for everyone. So then to enforce this they, make rules, regulations, laws customs to force everyone else to do it too, and if not, then of course, that person is evil or they blasphemy or they are condemned.

So when we do this, they are putting God in a box. Telling Him what He can do or what we are to do for Him.

Here is what Jesus thinks about religious people.

REV 3:14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. [15] I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! [16] So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of My mouth. [17] You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' **But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.** [18] **I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.**

REV 3:19 "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. [20] Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me."

REV 3:21 "To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on his throne. [22] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

MT 23:8 "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. [9] And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and He is in heaven. [10] Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ. [11] The greatest among you will be your servant. [12] For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

MT 23:13 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to."

MT 23:15 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are."

MT 23:16 "Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' [17] You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred? [18] You also say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gift on it, he is bound by his oath.' [19] You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? [20] Therefore, he who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. [21] And he who swears by the temple swears by it and by the one who dwells in it. [22] And he who swears by heaven swears by God's throne and by the one who sits on it."

MT 23:23 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices--mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law--justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. [24] You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel."

MT 23:25 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. [26] Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean."

MT 23:27 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. [28] In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness."

MT 23:29 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. [30] And you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' [31] So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. [32] Fill up, then, the measure of the sin of your forefathers!"

MT 23:33 "You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell? [34] Therefore I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town. [35] And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. [36] I tell you the truth, all this will come upon this generation."

MT 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. [35] For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in, [36] I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me.'"

MT 25:37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? [38] When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? [39] When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'"

MT 25:40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.'"

MT 25:41 "Then He will say to those on his left, 'Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42] For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not invite Me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after Me.'"

MT 25:44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'"

MT 25:45 "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me.'"

MT 25:46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Only the righteous will enter heaven. Here again He shows that righteous is one who obeys His commands. We obey His commands, not Him doing as we command as the religious do.

So we must learn how the Kingdom of God works and not the kingdom of this world controlled by the devil.

We must repent from being religious. This spirit must not control us.

God wants to be free too. He wants to be free to be our GOD and act like our God, our Father. Like all fathers, He longs and wants to be free to His children, to bless them and to love them. He longs to love us and bless us. But He must be free to do that and being in a box prevents it. We must let Him be free, and to do that, we must have Faith in Him, in the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus the Christ our savior.

EX 14:13 "Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. **Stand firm** and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. [14] The LORD will fight for you; **you need only to be still.**"

PS 37:6 "He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

PS 37:7 "Be **still** before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes."

PS 37:8 "Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret--it leads only to evil."

PS 37:9 "For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land."

PS 37:10 "A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found."

PS 37:11 "But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace."

PS 46:8 “Come and see the works of the LORD,  
the desolations He has brought on the earth.”

PS 46:9 “He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear,  
He burns the shields\* with fire.”

**PS 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God;**  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

Standing still in our faith in the Lord is all we need to do. That is not religious, but obedient and faithful in Him. This is righteous.

### 2.3 Depending On God

As we started above, **depending** on Him is the Key to life with Him. As you have seen all of this is showing how we need to be **depending** on Him. And this comes from our deciding to believe in Him, deciding to Trust in Him, deciding to Obey Him, in short, when we decide to put all our faith in Him.

The world teaches us to trust our feelings. To depend on them, but as you will see feelings can deceive us because they are both by good and bad spirits. So we need to learn to live by faith in God and not by our feelings.

2CO 5:6 “Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. [7] **We live by faith, not by sight.** [8] We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. [9] So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. [10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due Him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”

We live by faith and not by sight. Sight being our feelings and other senses and all of these can be fooled and controlled by the spirit world. So the only thing we can go by is our decision to live by our faith in God and His Word. And how do we increase our faith.

RO 10:16 “But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" [17] Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. [18] But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:...”

### 2.4 Who are you?

You are what you decide you are? So who have you decided to be? Have you decided to be what the lying, deceiving, corrupt world of evil has decided you are or are you what God has asked you to be?

When we come into this world and start to grow up, the world tries to show and control who we are. As we grow, people try to figure you who we are. So as we grow and as we start showing some kind of characteristic, it tries to push us that way.

Lets say that a male child tends to be a little more emotional or feminine, the world start suggesting that maybe he is homosexual. So as the world keeps telling him this, he starts to believe it, and the more he believes it, the more he starts acting it. We all will act as we believe we should act, based on what we believe we should be. And not really knowing the truth, we believe this deception and act that we. But why are we acting that way, because in believing this lie, we are allowing the evil spirit to live in us and take control of us. Eventually, we become what that evil spirit is that is living in us. In short, we come possessed.

Now that boy, because he believes the lie, is a homosexual, when freed by Jesus, really is not. Many people act certain ways because (in short) they are possessed.

So once we are freed by the blood of Jesus, we have to decide who we are. The best way to decide this is to allow God to show us, who He thinks we are. We need to find out His direction, fate, His destiny for us and then decide to allow God to mold us, train us, guide us, and discipline us so that we can be the person He needs us to be.

We are Christians. We need to allow God to mold us, train us, guide us, and discipline us to be His Children. But in order to be one, we must first decide to be what God wants us to be.

2PE 1:3 “His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. [4] Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

2PE 1:5 “For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; [6] and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; [7] and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. [8] For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.”

RO 8:1 “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, [2] because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. [3] For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, [4] in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.”

RO 8:5 “Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. [6] The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; [7] the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. [8] Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.”

RO 8:9 “You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. [10] But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. [11] And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”

RO 8:12 “Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. [13] For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, [14] because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15] For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." [16] The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. [17] Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

JN 1:10 “He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. [11] He came to that which was his own, but His own did not receive Him. [12] Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become Children of God-- [13] Children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.”

So if we are the Children of God should we not think like Children of God, living in the Kingdom of God, which is to think like children of the King, to think like the Prince and Princess? The world does not think this way, and it does not teach us to live that way. So we need to renew our minds to think and therefore act like Children of God.

