

“Let This Mind Be In You, Which Was Also In Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name: That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.” *Philippians 2:5-11 KJV*

What is your mind if not the thoughts that precede your words and actions? Christ is God and His Mind is His Word. The Written Word is the “*Mind of Christ.*” His Word precipitates His Love, Mercy, and Grace toward us in that “*while we were yet sinners Christ died for us!*” His mind/desire was to do the will of God. This is the mind the Apostle implores us to allow. Notice His exaltation is predicated on His willingness to do the Father’s Will on the Cross of Calvary. Humility must always precede exaltation in God’s order! When you desire vengeance upon another whether it be in word or deed, you have usurped the Wrath of God.

“*Vengeance is Mine,’ saith the Lord, ‘I will repay.*” This is not the humility sought by Christ. “*He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His Mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His Mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His Generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was He stricken. And He made His Grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His Death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His Mouth.*” Are you ready to suffer silently at the hands of others for God’s Glory? This is “*the Mind of Christ.*” Do you have it?

Enduring all the slights of men,
While seeking their release from sin,
Will measure my humility,
And like my Savior I will be. –CGP

The ancient saints were willing to go to the stake for their faith in God, because it was a real tangible Hope that burned ever so brightly and transcended the cruelty of their tormenters. If you would know the history of our faith look no further than “*Foxe’s Book of Martyrs,*” which can be found on the internet for free in many places; a copy is on my website: <http://www.thebiblemuse.com/Library/Stories/Book-FoxesBookOfMartyrs.pdf>. I encourage you to read it for it will turn your faith to fine gold! Many still suffer cruelty for Christ’s sake!

“That the trial of your Faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto Praise and Honour and Glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with Joy unspeakable and full of Glory: Receiving the end of your Faith, even the Salvation of your souls.” *1 Peter 1:7-9 KJV*

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