

## "Have This Mind In You"

Philippians 2:1-11

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### Jesus had a mind of self sacrifice

- Jesus sacrificed His heavenly place to come to Earth to die for all men – paying the price regardless of what it cost Him
  - John 1:14 – "... the Word became flesh ..."
  - Galatians 4:4-5 – "God sent forth his Son"
  - I Timothy 3:16 – "He was manifested in the flesh"
  - Hebrews 2:14, 16-17 – "he himself likewise partook of the same things"

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### We must have a mind of self sacrifice

- Christians are to live sacrificial lives in service to He who sacrificed Himself for us
  - Romans 12:1-2 – "... as a living sacrifice"
- We need to give thought to what we are holding on to in this life
  - Luke 14:26-27 – "and even his own life"
  - Hebrews 10:23 – "Let us hold fast ..."
  - I Thessalonians 5:21 – "hold fast what is good"
- How are you giving? Are you giving ...
  - IN to compromise, UP on enduring trials, OVER to the opposition, or ALL to God?

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### Jesus had a mind of submission

- Jesus "emptied Himself" (ASV) – verse 7
  - John 17:19-26 – "... I consecrate myself"
- Christians must also have a "your will be done" attitude
  - Matthew 26:36-42 – "not as I will, but as you will ... your will be done"
- Jesus did not have a self-serving attitude – He fully yielded to the will of the Father
  - John 6:38-40 – "not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me ... this is the will of my Father"

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### Jesus had a mind of selflessness

- Jesus was self-abasing, not self-exalting
- He was not "full of himself" – but ...
  - John 1:14 – "full of grace and truth"
  - Colossians 2:9 – "... the whole fullness of deity dwells ..."
  - cf. Philippians 2:7 – "... made himself nothing"
- Jesus temporarily gave up the glories of heaven so that all who are obedient could share in eternal glory (see our text again)
- What are we giving up to be certain that we will share in the eternal glory of Heaven?

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### Jesus had a mind of servitude

- Jesus' life was a life of service – He had a servant's heart
  - John 13:4-14 – "I have given you an example"
- This must be our mindset also
  - Mark 10:43-45 – "... must be your servant"
- We must deny self and be willing to suffer
  - Matthew 16:24 – "let him deny himself ..."
- Jesus' focus was on the spirit instead of the flesh; on the spiritual instead of the physical; on the heavenly instead of the earthly
  - Colossians 3:1-10 – "seek the things that are above"

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### Hear the Word of God

- James 1:21 – “... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

### Believe the Gospel message about Jesus

- I John 3:23-24 – “... that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ ...”

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### Repent of your sins

- Acts 3:19 – “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out”

### Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- Romans 10:9-10 – “... with the mouth one confesses and is saved”

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### Be immersed in water

- Acts 2:38 – “Repent and be baptized every one of you ...”

### Remain faithful

- I Corinthians 15:1-2 – “if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain”