

Christ-Centered Living – From the Cross to the Throne

The Path of Believer's Transformation in Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians

- Galatians – The Cross of Christ
 - Gal. 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?
- Ephesians – The Stature of the fulness of Christ
 - Eph. 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- **Philippians – The Mind of Christ**
 - Phil. 2:5 Let **this mind** be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus**:
- Colossians – The Throne of Christ
 - Col. 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Philippians- The Mind of Christ and believer's transformation

The mind of Christ- Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Positionally- Phil. 2:6
Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Personally - 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Practically- 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

The Believer's Transformed Mind

Heavenly Minded -
Setting affections on eternal things-High calling, heavenly citizenship, glorious transformation (Phil. 3:20)

Self-minded to Christ-minded

Like-Mindedness, Emulate Christ's mind - Phil. 2:2-8

Resolve conflicts having the same Mind- Phil. 4:2

Rejoicing in the Lord -Phil. 4:4-8

One Mind for the Gospel - Unity in striving for the faith of the gospel (Phil. 1:27)

Christ's mind and similar examples

Christ's Mind	Paul's Mind	Moses's Mind
<p>Phil. 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: (Positionally -Making a deliberate choice)</p>	<p>Phil. 3:4-6 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: 5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;</p>	<p>Heb. 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;</p>
<p>Phil. 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (Personally-shaping His being as servant and man)</p>	<p>Phil. 3:7-9 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, ...but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:</p>	<p>Heb. 11:25-26 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, ... 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt:</p>

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<p>Phil. 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (Practically-being obedient to the point of death on the Cross)</p>	<p>Phil. 3:10-14 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Practically- being obedient to the high calling to the point of enduring suffering for Christ)</p>	<p>Heb. 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. (Practically- being obedient to God's calling to the point of suffering affliction with the people of God)</p>

Believer's transformation- Mind – **Positionally**-From earthly to Heavenly minded

Why must we live heavenly minded?

- **We have no confidence in the flesh-** Phil. 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and **have no confidence in the flesh.**
- **We have the high calling-** Phil. 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of **the high calling of God** in Christ Jesus.
- **Our citizenship is in heaven-** Phil. 3:20 For **our conversation is in heaven**; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
- **We anticipate our heavenly transformation-** Phil. 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that **it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body**, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.
- **We magnify Christ in life and death-** Phil. 1:20 ... but that with all boldness, as always, so now also **Christ shall be magnified in my body**, whether it be by life, or by death. 21 For **to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**

Believer's transformation- Mind – **Personally**- from self-minded to Christ-minded

- **Peruse unity in love-** Phil. 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be **likeminded**, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in **lowliness of mind** let each **esteem other better** than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also **on the things of others**.
- **Emulate the mind of Christ-** Phil. 2:5 Let **this mind** be in you, which was **also in Christ Jesus**:
- **Resolve conflicts based on mutual submission to the Lord-** Phil. 4:2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the **same mind in the Lord**.
- **Fill our mind with what honors God-** Phil. 4:4-8 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand... 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things**.

Believer's transformation- Mind – **Practically**- with one mind striving together for the Gospel.

- **Strive with one Spirit, one mind, in unity of faith for the Gospel-** Phil. 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;
- **Engage consistently in Gospel partnership-** Phil. 1:5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;
- **Defend and confirm the Gospel in trials-**Phil. 1:7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.
- **Preach the Gospel in love -** Phil. 1:17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

Examples of Believer's transformation of the Mind – **Practically**- with one mind striving together for the Gospel.

- **Serve others with genuine concerns- Timothy-** Phil. 2:20 For I have no man **likeminded**, who will naturally **care for your state**. 21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. 22 But ye know the proof of him, that, **as a son with the father, he hath served with me** in the gospel.
- **Labor faithfully, even at great cost- Epaphroditus-** Phil. 2:25-30 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, **my brother, and companion in labour, and fellow-soldier**, but your messenger, and **he that ministered to my wants**. 30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, **not regarding his life**, to supply your lack of service toward me.
- **Support God's work with sacrificial, well-pleasing gifts- Philippian believers-** Phil. 4:15 Now ye Philippians know also,, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me **as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only**. 18received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God.