

Thinking with the Mind of Christ
1 Cor. 2:9-16

"I do not think for a moment that any of us, as long as sin is in us, will never become perfect in our reasoning. Sin prejudices us against the law of God for as long as we live, and we have to fight to overcome these basic distortions of the truth of God. But if we love God, not only with all of our hearts, our souls, and our strength, but also with our minds (Mark 12:30), we will be rigorous in our attempts to train our minds." RC Sproul

- I. The biblical mindset the Holy Spirit is trying to instill in us is that we are a distinct people (*pneumatikos*) of God who are to think with the mind of Christ. It is vitally important that our thoughts line up with how God thinks, so that when we are thinking of and conversing with others, we are doing so with the integrity and mentality of Christ. The depth of our maturity in Christ rests solely on our willingness to let the Holy Spirit give us understanding of what God has freely given us.

1 Cor. 2:9-13

1 Cor. 1:18

Phil 4:8

Rom. 8:9

Rom. 8:16

πνευματικός pneumatikós *belonging to the Divine Spirit of God the Holy Spirit. One who is filled with and governed by the Spirit of God*

Colossians 3:1-3 *1Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*

- II. Unbelievers are incapable of taking hold of what the Spirit offers because it means nothing to them but foolishness. Whenever a believer chooses to think and reason from the foolish perspective of the world, they are choosing to follow the mere natural instincts of unregenerate man. This is an affront to the Holy Spirit who has instilled in us the mind of Christ to think and live God's way.

1 Cor. 2:14-16

2 Tim. 3:16

Phil. 2:1-5

"The natural man is unsaved. Too many Christians still think like natural men, refusing to spiritually discern things. When our only concern is for 'what works' or the 'bottom line,' we are not spiritually discerning, and we are thinking like the natural man, even though we might be saved." Guzik

Jude 17-19 *17 But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. 18 They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." 19 These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.*