

The Mind of Christ

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Corinthians 2:14-16.

B. Christianity centers on Christ.

C. The central question of the Bible is what a person's relationship with Jesus is.

II. Man was intended to operate from his spirit open to the revelation of God directly.

A. Today man operates on the level of the soul, which reflects his ability to choose.

B. The worldly man only operates in the natural world—he sees nothing beyond this life worth considering.

C. What limits the natural mind.

1. He is shut off from the things that concern God—he does not understand the things of life such as marriage and sexuality.

2. The natural man is unable to understand the things of God.

a. This is because these things are spiritually discerned—a man needs the Spirit of God to understand them.

b. The world can be helped through the message of Jesus.

c. The presence of the Spirit of God in a person's life separates the true Christian from the false one.

d. It is possible to have the Spirit and not obey it as a carnal Christian.

D. It is the Christian's responsibility to call out the ethical realities of life.

1. Many are not capable of doing this however because they are not living ethically nor do they know their Bibles.

E. There are times when a Christian is above the law.

F. The believer has the mind of Christ.

1. He will behave as Jesus did.

2. He will be compassionate, kind, frank, etc.

Application questions:

1. What kind of affairs does the natural mind not understand according to the speaker? Can you add any?

2. Does the Christian's responsibility to call out ethical realities mean that he should be a whistle blower always? Explain.

3. Who has been an example of one possessing the mind of Christ for you? What stood out about this person?
