

*self-effacement*

Philippians 2:5 indicates a class of thinking and from it we deduce, for the Lord, the properties of:

- yieldedness
- humility
- obedience
- conformity

- b. The noun "nous" as used in 1 Corinthians 2:16 suggests mental realities in objects, duties, and we note the following:
  - service
  - patterning
  - compliance
- c. There is a reasonable amount of overlap in these two areas of "mind" but the first generally refers to being while the second concentrates on doing. And if the hearer is terribly confused now...it will probably get worse!
- d. We are able to see these worked out in the life of the Lord and in particular phases of His ministry. We see Him at complete harmony with the Divine will while doing the matters found in that will.

*what He was  
what He did*

4. Having the Mind of Christ, therefore, is knowing how to hold a thought process and then to carry it out in practice.

C. Conclusion

*the concept*

- 1. The Mind of Christ is available
- 2. It is easily missed or neglected however and the following terms will tell us a bit of how this happens:
  - a. selfishness
  - b. personal exorbitant pride
  - c. misplaced ego, etc.
- 3. But the Apostolic injunction is intended for all ages--all Christian communities, every believer's life
- 4. Having the mind of Christ we will properly relate to others and occupy ourselves with the Divine will and the fulfilling of the desires of the Lord in our lives.

*it is my intent  
we develop a new mental  
spiritual mentality*

**III. The Mind of Christ Gives Guidance to Our Lives**

A. Introductory Material

- 1. Knowing what the Mind of Christ is is the key to these talks.