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Chapter 3 *The Mind of Christ*

Everything, it seems, is done through the mind. *A change of mind is a change of heart.* For, we know that our heart is actually our mind, because our natural heart does nothing but pump blood – so, how can that really be affected with the ways of God? But, the *heart of our mind* can certainly be affected . . . Let's quickly observe some very interesting definitions from Webster's Dictionary. And, these references will help us to better understand what we'll need to know further in this book:

Heart, from Webster's Dictionary: 4.) *The seat of the affections and passions, as of love, joy, grief, enmity, courage, pleasure &c.* 5.) *By a metonymy, heart is used for an affection or passion, and particularly for love.* 6.) *The seat of the understanding; as an understanding heart.* 7.) *The seat of the will; hence, secret purposes, intentions or designs. There are many devices in a man's heart ... Sometimes heart is used for the will, or determined purpose.* 9.) *Courage; spirit; as, to take heart; to give heart; to recover heart.* 10.) *Secret thoughts; recesses of the mind.* 11.) *Disposition of mind.* 13.) *Conscience, or sense of good or ill. Etc.*

Paul says, in **Colossians 3:9-10**, that our minds are renewed – made fresh; a new way of thinking. Yet, at the same time, it's currently sharing space with another mind – another way of thinking; for, unfortunately, the ways of the Outward or Old Man do not cease right away, and he's there the whole time trying to destroy what God has given us. It's a battle, folks . . . Nay, *a war!*^{*13}

Since we are currently observing in this chapter that everything for us takes place in our minds (that is, everything's comprehended in life because it has to first process through our minds – *else, we're simply brain dead and unaware!*), then we should know that that's where God decides to work with us primarily. But, *you*, my friend, are set right smack dab in the middle between both the Mind of Man and the Mind of Christ, sitting there in hope that God will win this war for you. But, at first (when you first come into God's Kingdom), you may be completely unaware that all of this is happening, or will happen, inside of you. That is, this battle between God's ways and our own carnal ways.

Eventually, the Mind of Christ can even move the members of our natural bodies, and will cease it from – not only worldly sins – but, from worshipping God in carnality and natural manners; of which techniques and observations belong strictly to the natural man.

Romans 8:20-21

For the creature [this New Man – created Being, born of God] was made subject to vanity [has to share space with the Old Man], not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope [hope of life eternal], Because the creature [this created Son of God in us] itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty [freedom] of the children of God.

When we become free from the ways of sin and death – the thoughts of man – *What a glorious day that shall be!* But, for now, the New Creature has to share space with a heathen – *the Old Man* . . . But, even so, what does all this have to do with the *Day of Pentecost*? What does this have to do with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? What does all this have to do with New Jerusalem? Well, very much everything! The Mind of Christ, as we will eventually see in the upcoming chapters, plays a very vital role in the understanding of New Jerusalem. I won't make that direct connection now, for we've much more ground to cover first so that all this will make a great amount of sense. So, for now, we'll be satisfied in saying that with this Mind, we'll have a fresh, new way of thinking; whereas, whilst only in the flesh, we think of nothing but carnal, fleshly matters.

Certainly, the mind is directly where God decides to strike. It simply has to be; for, where else are we, as sons of men, struck so much with the ways of the world if not through our minds? We have been living with a bad adviser of how to make the right decisions for far too long. And, now, it's high time that we allow another advisor to give us some *good* advice. If we've had the wrong knowledge, wisdom and understanding, then we've truly have had a bad advisor, and we suffer death for the same. But, if we have the right knowledge, wisdom and understanding, then we shall live . . . Again, see **Romans 8:6**.

Let us see some more differences of bad minds and good minds; or, rather, of bad thoughts and good thoughts...

Romans 1:28

And even as they did not like to retain God **in *their* knowledge**, God gave them over to a reprobate **mind**, to do those things which are not convenient.

Romans 7:23-25

But I see another law in my members [Law of sin and death], warring [see, it is a war!] against **the law of my mind** [Mind of Christ], and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members [of this Outward-Man body]. O wretched [Outward] man that I am! who [if not God giving us a new Mind] shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then **WITH THE MIND I myself serve the law of God**; but with the flesh [Mind of Man – fleshly knowledge] the law of sin.

Romans 8:27a

And he that searcheth the hearts [our minds] knoweth what is **the mind of the Spirit...**

God can see when we choose the best advisor and when we choose the wrong advisor; and, He discovers this when He searches our hearts; for, the Mind of Man and the Mind of Christ are stuck directly in the middle of the heart of our thinking. And, if our heart is in our head (i.e. our thoughts), then this also can be called a *spiritual belly*...

Philippians 3:18-19

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, **WHOSE GOD IS THEIR BELLY**, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who **MIND** earthly things.

The Greek word used here for the word belly, in this scripture, is *Koilia*, which Strong's Greek Dictionary tells us that, *figuratively*, it means the heart.

Belly, Koilia, G2836, from Strong's Greek Dictionary: From koilos (hollow); a cavity, that is, (specifically) the abdomen; by implication the matrix; figuratively the heart: - belly, womb.

This makes a lot of sense, because men, who are guided by their own knowledge, wisdom and understanding, allow such to become their god . . . The Holy Ghost is also known as the *Spirit of Truth*, in that it is our teacher; so, having this knowledge would explain a lot of things, for if we are to put on the Mind of Christ, it has to have a teacher; it has to have an instructor to give us God's knowledge, wisdom and understanding, as opposed to what we've only known up until then.

St. John 14:26

But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things**, and bring all things to your remembrance [in your mind], whatsoever I have said unto you.

Again, with the Mind of Christ (through the teachings of the Spirit of Truth) we learn God's ways; and, our *spiritual bellies* get filled with Godly knowledge, wisdom and understanding; so that, in turn, the *human* teachers of God can feed the people through the Holy Ghost and not the Mind of Man:

St. John 7:38

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his **belly** shall flow rivers of living water.

Directly from the Mind of Christ, the Holy Ghost (Rivers of Living Waters) will feed the people. There is no room for the Mind of Man in this instance.

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***13. A war...**

Galatians 5:17

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

This war, of which I'm briefly mentioning now, will become a reoccurring theme throughout this very book. A war in which we should become extremely familiar with; for, as we'll see, this war isn't fought in any particular city, state, or country; but, indeed, is a war that's fought within our own selves.

END OF CHAPTER 3

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