

The Mind of Christ

By David R. Ferguson

I have always admired those individuals who demonstrate great intellect. Wouldn't it be fascinating to understand the complexities of the cosmos, from the tiniest quark, to the furthest and remotest quasar, in the same manner as Albert Einstein or Stephen Hawking did? Or wouldn't you have liked to witness in person Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton as they debated the role the Federal government should have in the lives of the People? Or how intriguing would it have been to sit at the feet of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, giving ear to the philosophical discussions taking place in ancient Athens! As interesting as all these men seem to be, there is One Whose wisdom and intellect puts all others to shame, and that is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Regardless of the circumstances He faced, whether it was from one of the groups seeking to trip Him up such as the Pharisees and the Sadducees, or even when He was being confronted and tempted by the Great Adversary, Satan himself, Jesus was always able to face them all by leaning upon the word of God and saying, "It is written."

We, too, can gain in wisdom as Christians by following the precepts of Christ, even to the point of having the mind of Christ: "For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16). We have the mind of Christ by engaging in a study of His word. Not only will we have the mind of Christ, we will have eternal life: "Truly, truly, I say unto you, if a man keep My word, he shall never see death" (John 8:51). Paul also wrote to Timothy, saying, "Give diligence to present yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

By spending time in the word of God, and focusing on His Son and "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, 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," (Philippians 4:8), we will be able to then "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God" (Colossians 3:16).

May the Lord bless you in your studies!



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: *Apostolic Succession (Via Facebook Livestream)*

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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Scripture Reading: John 14:15-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: May 6th**, streamed at 6:30. Tune in on Zoom. Check the **Valley Cities Church of Christ Facebook page** for information.
- **Next Potluck:** TBD
- **Horseheads Ladies' Day:** postponed until further notice.
- **Next Regional Singing: May 31st (if possible) @ Horseheads**
- **Sojourners-**July 27th- August 6th
- **VBS-**August 8th



NEWS

- **Some Christian sisters in China who are friends with Sandy were concerned about us, so they sent a package of over 100 N95 masks for anyone who needs them. Please let Sandy know if you would like some.**
- Please remember those of our group who are not able to join us for worship online. Give them a call, drop them a card, etc. and help them to feel included.
- **The May Bible reading schedule will be posted on the Valley Cities Facebook page before the 1st.** People without computer access will receive copies in the mail.
- **Please let Sandy know if you would like some homemade cloth face masks to wear outside during our social distancing period. They are good for wearing to the grocery store or for pick up.**

PRAYERS

- **Pray for all those who are suffering with the Coronavirus, and for the families of those who have died.** Pray for protection for the elderly and others who are vulnerable. Pray that these hard times will be brought to a fast end.
- **Thank God for all the doctors, nurses, medical staff and other caretakers who are putting their own lives on the line to care for and cure all the sick people.** Please keep them safe and protect them.
- **Gail Westerhold**, Jerry's friend, is suffering with bad back pain which affects one of her legs. She has been using a cane or a walker. Please pray for pain and symptom relief.
- Pray for **Ted** as he waits for the surgery on his Eustachian tubes to restore his hearing. Pray for comfort from this disappointment about having to wait longer for his surgery.
- Pray for **Chris Henson and Devon Wolcott** and their little son, **Jace**.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**, friend of Darlene's, who has lung cancer.
- Please pray for **Mark Elsbree**, who needs a kidney donor. Mark is near the top of the list now, for which we are grateful.
- **Pray for Lori Kashorek**, who has lung cancer. Lori is dealing with two new brain tumors, for which she is undergoing radiation therapy.
- Pray for **Chris Beiber and sons, Nick and Nate, that we can stay in contact** and encourage them to draw close to Jesus.
- **Pray for the Alleyne family of Deer Park, Long Island, as they mourn the passing of Randolph, husband, father and grandfather. The family had to celebrate his life online and none of them has been able to see or give a hug to their mother, who is alone at home all this time.**
- Pray for **Jerry** as he's traveling and while he's staying with his son in Las Vegas. Pray for his time with his sons.
- We are **thankful that we have the technology** that allows us to gather in spirit to **worship on the Lord's Day**, and to attend class on Wednesday evening, but we pray that those who are not able to participate in this way will be kept fed on God's word. We pray that it won't be long until we can meet again in our building in Sayre!

If you have any **PRAYERS** or **NEWS** that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.