

The Mind of Christ

Mosby Memorial Baptist Church

Sunday October 18 and Wednesday October 21, 2026

Read: Philippians 2:1-11.

Big idea: The mind of Christ shapes how we care for one another, serve, and honor God.

Key verse: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5, KJV.

A Little Background

Paul writes to believers at Philippi while he is imprisoned. They share a partnership in the gospel and face pressure. He calls them to let the encouragement, love, and fellowship they receive in Christ shape their relationships. Acts 16:12 identifies Philippi as a Roman colony.

The Text and Our Lives

The condition: Paul challenges rivalry, empty pride, and attention limited to one's own interests.

The gospel response: The grace we share in Christ calls us to mutual care. Jesus' service shows its shape, and his lordship gives us a shared center.

Three Movements

Care for One Another | Verses 1-4

Notice others' needs as well as your own. Ask a sincere question and listen to the answer.

Choose the Way of Jesus | Verses 5-8

Use your gifts and strength to serve. Share the work and honor every person's dignity.

Confess Jesus as Lord | Verses 9-11

Let Christ guide your decisions. Give God the glory and appreciate others' contributions.

Words to Know

Consolation: Encouragement. **Vainglory:** Empty pride. **Mind of Christ:** The outlook that guides action. **Humble service:** Using what you have for others' good while respecting dignity and truth.

Reflection and Practice

1. What gifts does Paul name in verse 1 that the church already shares?

2. How can people disagree about a plan and still share the same love?

3. Whose needs could I notice more carefully this week?

4. What does Jesus take on in verses 7-8, and what does that show us?

5. How can we share service while respecting rest, dignity, and accountability?

6. What changes in a decision when I remember that Jesus is Lord?

My One Action This Week

I will:

I will do it by:

Before acting, pause and read Philippians 2:4-5. Ask, "How can I care for the people involved?" Afterward, reflect on what you learned. Philippians 2:13 reminds us that God works in us as we grow.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me notice others, serve with humility, and honor you in my choices. Shape our church through your love. Amen.