

# Claiming the Mind of Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:23: **And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Philippians 4:7,8: **And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, 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.**

2 Corinthians 10:4,5: **(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

1 Corinthians 2:16: **For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.**

Satan always comes to our minds with thoughts of worry, fear, doubt, unbelief and depression. Our minds and emotions seem to be the battleground of the enemy. Every time he brought suggestions to Jesus, Jesus would always say, "***It is written...***"

So, I put together confession of faith based on God's Word that you can use in casting down the thoughts that are contrary to the Word of God. Read it to yourself and do it at least daily to help renew your mind to God's Word in order to have a sound mind. Our emotions are very real and that is where we have some of the biggest battles and struggles. But we can have the victory in this area by claiming the promises of God and doing our part to resist the devil, in Jesus' Name.

## The Mind of Christ

Father God, I thank You that according to the written Word of God, the memory of the just is blessed.<sup>1</sup> I have a sound mind,<sup>2</sup> for I have the mind of Christ.<sup>3</sup> God, I thank You that You said in Mark 11:23 that I can have what I say, and You said in Matthew 18:18 that whatever I bind on earth is bound in heaven. So, in Jesus' Name, I cast down every imagination<sup>4</sup> and evil thought that comes to me. I refuse to dwell in the past; I refuse oppression, depression, fear, anxiety and confusion. I choose NOT to be mentally and emotionally dysfunctional, damaged or handicapped, or to be mentally tormented by the evil one.

I discipline my mind and make it think on the good and not the evil; the positive and not the negative. I refuse to think on the hurts, misfortunes, mistakes and wrong decisions of the past. I think not on the things that are behind, but I deal with the present and meditate on the Word day

and night.<sup>5</sup> I refuse to be high-minded, haughty<sup>6</sup> proud or egotistical. I do not think more highly of myself than I ought to think, but think soberly according to the measure of faith that God has dealt me.

**Satan, in Jesus' Name, you cannot have my mind or my emotions. I rebuke you, and every evil thought and voice that comes from you. I have dedicated my mind, as well as my body, to the Lord. I refuse to dwell in the past, for I am a new creature in Christ Jesus; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.<sup>7</sup> Devil, you cannot have my mind, in Jesus' Name!**

I speak to my mind, and I command it to be healthy, whole, strong, sober, alert, active and responsive. I refuse to have any mental disorder or disease. I am not mentally incompetent, for I've been redeemed from the curse of the law, <sup>8</sup> and by His stripes, I was healed.<sup>9</sup>

After praying this prayer, I want you to read the following scriptures to yourself every day out loud. If need be, read them several times a day, and whenever any evil thought, fear, or voice of the enemy comes to your mind, IMMEDIATELY say to yourself, your mind and the devil, **'I rebuke that thought, in Jesus' Name, for I have the mind of Christ!'** If the battle seems severe, just keep saying to yourself over and over again, **'I have the mind of Christ.'**

This is the way that you will resist the devil<sup>10</sup> and his attacks, and at the same time, it helps renew your mind to God's Word. It is very important to your mental welfare that as soon as the thought, or voice comes to you that isn't from the Lord, you give it NO place in your mind: **that you don't dwell on it or talk about it, but instead, rebuke it, in Jesus' Name!**

### Scriptures to Read Every Day:

**2 Corinthians 10:4,5:** (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**Ephesians 6:10-18:** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

**Philippians 4:6-8:** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, 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.

### **Scriptural References:**

1 Proverbs 10:7

2 2 Timothy 1:7

3 1 Corinthians 2:16

4 2 Corinthians 10:5

5 Joshua 1:8

6 Romans 12:3

7 2 Corinthians 5:17

8 Galatians 3:13

9 1 Peter 2:24

10 James 4:7

I look forward to sharing more with you tomorrow.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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