

Romans # 188

“Once again, it’s the Mind of Christ” Part 2

Romans 15:4-6

When we’re strong, we’re not to focus on ourselves; we’re to consider the spiritual growth of others just like our role model Jesus Christ did.

Of course our Lord had pleasure but that wasn’t His mission, it was the result of His mission in doing the Father’s will.

Jesus Christ took the insults of God upon Himself; He was abused, mocked and hated but through it all, He didn’t seek His own pleasure over His obedience to God.

Strong believers must be patient with the non-essential opinions of weak immature believers; just as God is patient with us, we are to be patient with others.

Momentum plus motivation equals advance and we cannot advance to maturity without facing areas of Scripture where we’re not stimulated or even interested but we must be persevering because when it’s our time to face disaster or catastrophe, we’ll never succeed without persevering first.

We must have perseverance to have comfort and it’s not just a verse or promise that we need; it’s the compound structure of truth in our souls so we will stabilize in disaster.

God who is comfort and encouragement transmits these qualities to us through biblical truth which must be transferred from the page of Scripture to our minds where endurance and encouragement become our new mental attitude.

To have the same attitude of mind, thought or opinion toward each other that Christ Jesus had, we must be occupied with Him; having a mental attitude of intimate intense pursuit of our Lord where we view all things in life with Him in mind.

To have the mind of Christ, we must be occupied with Christ and to be occupied with Christ, we must love Christ and to love Him, we must know Him and the only way we get to know Him is through biblical truth saturating our souls.

As believers in Jesus Christ, we are designed to be intimately occupied with Him and if we’re not, we’ll be miserably disappointed throughout our entire Christian lives.

Being occupied with Jesus Christ is not simply having theological knowledge of Him but it’s an all-encompassing desire for fellowship with Him above and beyond everyone else.

Our attitude toward the Word of God determines whether we’re advancing or retreating in the Christian life and if we’re positive, we understand the RFHC’s command for impersonal love and respect for the privacy of others; knowing the difference between the essentials and non-essentials or when to be flexible or inflexible which is the basis for the freedom for every believer to advance spiritually.

There can be no advance unless in the local church the family of God is tolerated where our privacy is respected and we’re loved impersonally, so the Word of God is the main issue in our lives.

None of us is above or below anyone else; we are all royal priests with privacy to live our lives as unto the Lord and gain momentum from our thinking to advance to maturity, so that TLJC is glorified.