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A STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS 2

Philippians 2:1-11 (Reader)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.



(Congregation)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:



(Reader)

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!



(Congregation)

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



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Philippians 2:5

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Literally, according to the reading of the best manuscripts, "mind this in you which was also (minded) in Christ Jesus."



What was it that seemed important to Jesus?

What principles did he cherish?

What objectives?

On what footing were his choices made?



G. K. Chesterton

"It is not that the Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting, to the contrary, it has been found difficult and left untried."



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How should I relate to you?

How should I think about you?

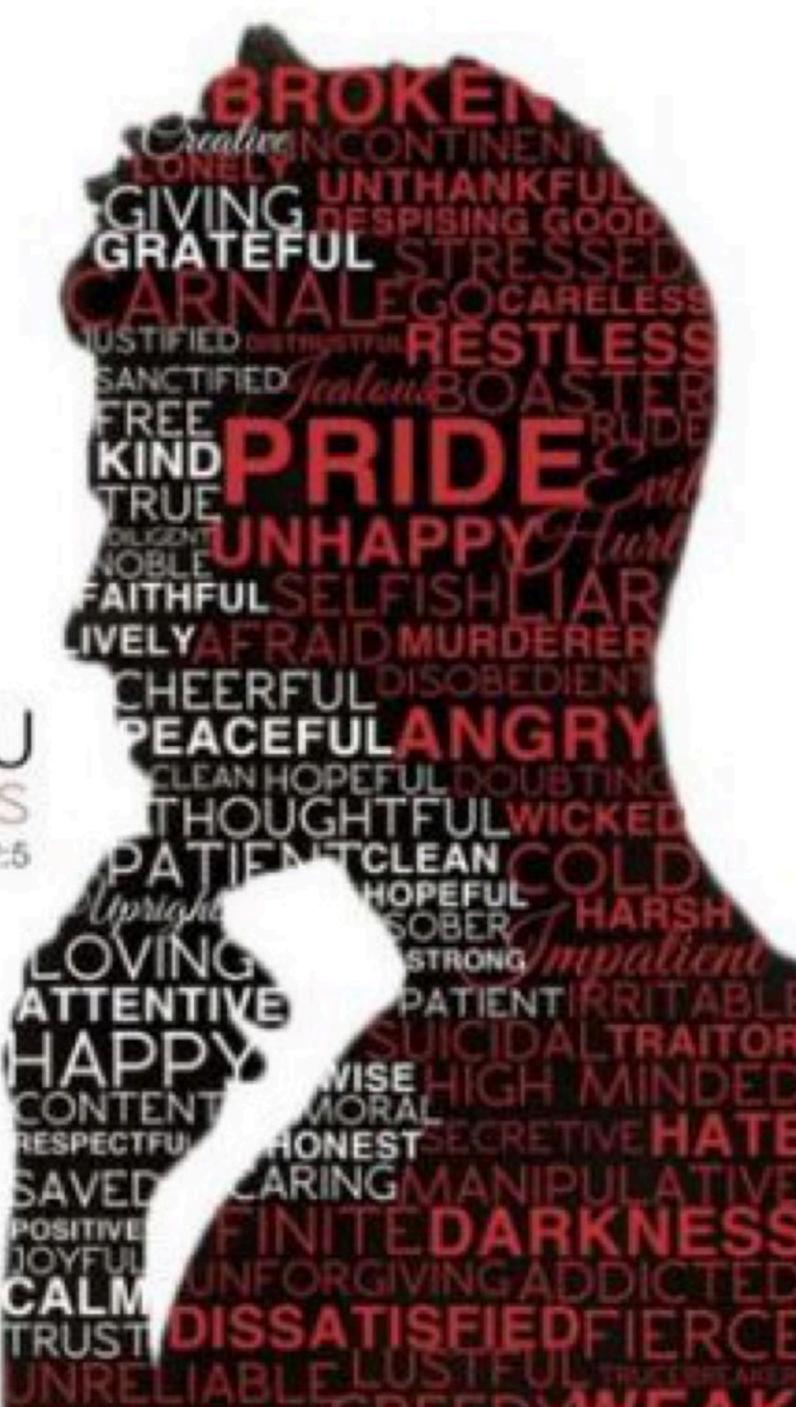
What does it mean to have the mind of Christ?





LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS

PHILLIPPIANS 2:5



"He bids us mind the things which the Lord Jesus minded, to love what he loved, to hate what he hated; the thoughts, desires, motives, of the Christian should be the thoughts, desires, motives, which filled the sacred heart of Jesus Christ our Lord. We must strive to imitate him, to reproduce his image, not only in the outward, but even in the inner life. Especially here we are bidden to follow his unselfishness and humility."

- B. C. Caffin



Jesus knew why he was here

John 6:38-39 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

John 10:10
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.





Jesus Embraced Humility

Matthew 20:26-28
Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



G. K. Chesterton letter to the editor of the London Times:

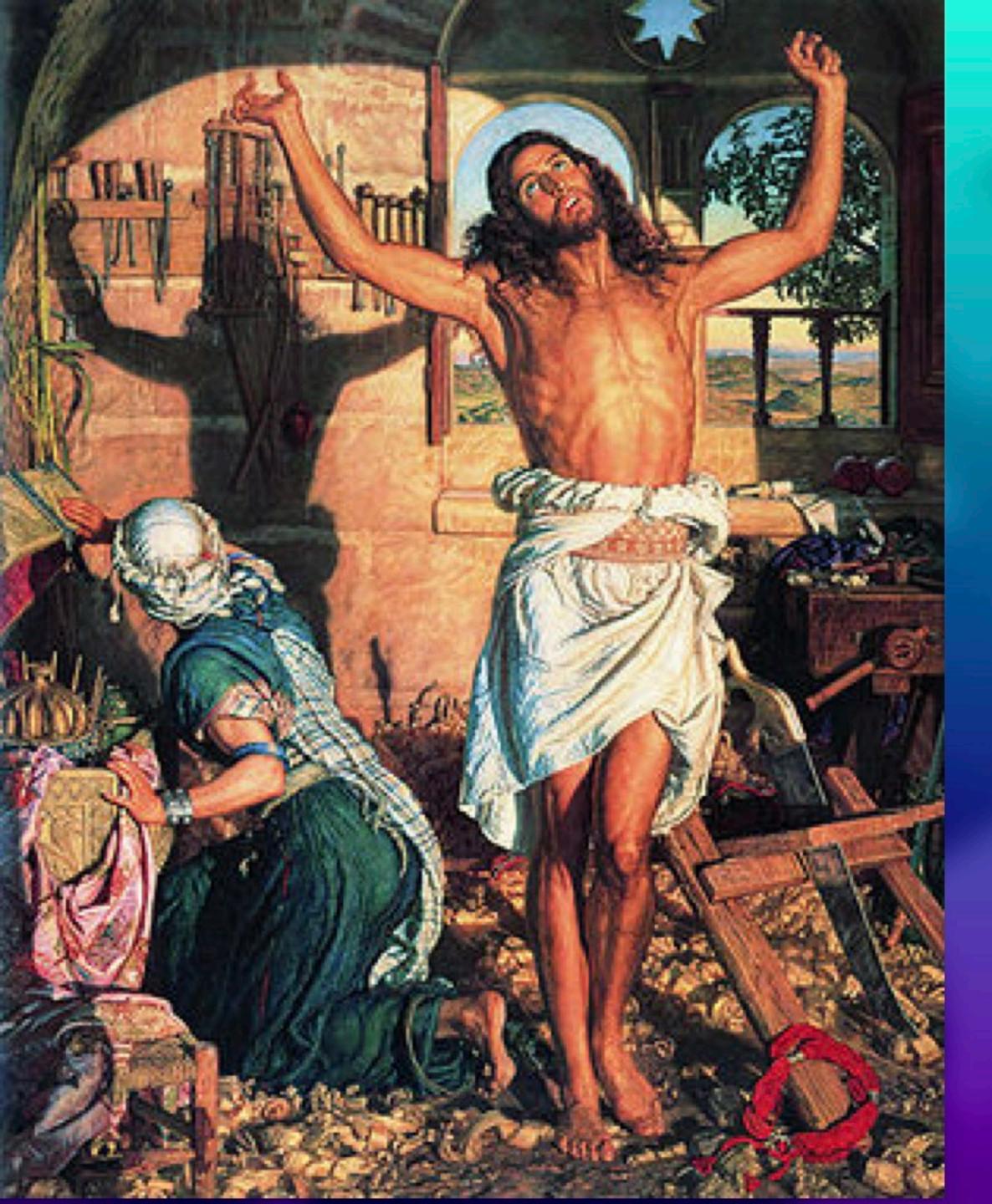
"Dear Sir: Regarding your article 'What's Wrong with the World?' I am. Yours truly, Chesterton."



Jesus Pursued Self-Sacrifice

John 15:13-14 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends.





William Holman Hunt 1873 AD

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Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.



For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



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