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Romans 12:1-2; Phil 2:5

–The *greatest evidence of the presence of the Person and power of the Holy Spirit is exhibited by the way we think, which leads to corresponding action.*

■The “*mind of Christ*” means we show a *family likeness to Him.*

■*To abide continually in Him, with His life and disposition manifesting, means our thinking has been radically altered to reflect how He thinks.*

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Ideals vs. Revelation

–1 Cor. 2:14-16

■According to scripture, *the very essence of Satan is self-rule, and this disposition now in us is warring against the Holy Spirit’s leading.*

■Satan wants to keep us wrapped up in “ideals” that never become reality.

–*An ideal has no power over us, in us, through us, until it becomes incarnate.*

■*The Lord & the things of the kingdom remain mental abstractions (ideals), but never have the slightest effect on us, others or the culture.*

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–1 Cor. 2:14-16

■The knowledge and revelation of God is entirely dependent upon a pure heart – *how we think and perceive, either veiled or unveiled (2 Cor. 3:16-18).*

–Character determines revelation; revelation determines relationship and everything else in life as it relates to the Lord and His kingdom, purposes and power.

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Heb. 1:1-3; John 14:9

–Every battle, either directly or indirectly, from our personal struggles to wars between nations and kingdoms, rage around the Person of Jesus Christ.

■ *To win the war, we must equip ourselves with right thinking about the Lord, ourselves, others and God’s purposes.*

■ *To think right about the Lord Jesus is to think right about God.*

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–The only concrete reality about God is Jesus Christ, or God has no meaning at all.

■ *Satan has successfully convinced the world at-large of “another Jesus,” but now most of Christendom.*

–How we live is determined by what we believe, thinking patterns, and our experience of God in Christ.

■ *There is revelation of God in nature, scripture, dreams/visions, etc., but in Christ alone God explains Himself.*

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–Jesus taught that man is in need of a completely new existence.

■ **John 3:3:** *“Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’”*

■ *He, alone, is the center of regeneration and liberation for every human soul.*

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John 10:30-31

–According to Jesus, He is equal to God, but became incarnate to bring humanity back into the communion with Abba that was lost in the rebellion in Eden.

Gal. 2:20: *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”*

–The life and mind of Christ is not made ours by imitation, but by means of Calvary and our receiving the Holy Spirit into the dimensions of our lives.

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John 16:13-14

–“God told me...”

–Any thought, impulse or action that does NOT lead to the glorification of Jesus Christ has satanic influence behind it.

–How do I know if my thoughts or leading is from the Holy Spirit?

■ *The Holy Spirit will NOT speak of Himself or be “friendly” to my fallen nature.*

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John 16:13-14

–Any experience, thinking or leading that glorifies me or anything else besides Jesus, is not of God.

■ *It may use religious jargon and say “praise the Lord,” but it has the poison of hell behind it if it does not magnify and lift up the Son of God.*

–Every thought, leading and action springing from the Spirit will glorify Jesus and conform us to His image.
