

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

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**"Let Your Mind Dwell on These Things"**

**Philippians 4:8**

Who is going to control our thoughts? Is it going to be the world, which is ruled by Satan or will it be the Lord?

What do we need to do in order to align ourselves with Christ in His battle for our minds?

We need to make sure that we have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16).

The reason why Paul could actually give this command to the Philippians is because the Philippians possessed the mind of Christ.

When a person is joined to Christ by the baptizing work of the Spirit, he is joined to Christ and therefore to the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13).

Having the mind of Christ makes it possible for us to be controlled by the thinking of Christ through the ministry of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:12-16).

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Possessing the Spirit of God, and therefore the mind of Christ, makes it possible for the Christian to align himself with Christ in the battle for his mind.

We who possess the mind of Christ also need to be committed to thinking right thoughts if we are going to align ourselves with Christ in His battle.

This commitment to right thinking allows the Spirit of God to fill us and to make God's truths come alive for us so we can think on right things.

The thoughts we should be dwelling on, and which are listed in Philippians 4:8, are the thoughts that flow from Bible meditation.

The word translated "dwell" (LOGIZOMAI) means to think continually.

The process of meditation will produce many different thoughts and those thoughts will move us closer to the thinking of Christ.

The Christian who aligns himself with Christ in this life through a commitment to right thinking will not be disappointed (Psalms 1).