

Do Not Think It Strange

Let This Same Mind be in You

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Phil 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

(All Scriptures, unless otherwise indicated, are taken from the New King James Bible.)

A. The intended result from today's message

- That we would be persuaded to commit ourselves to Him who judges righteously.
- That we would be exalted by God in this present life.
- That we would triumphantly overcome all trial and adversity.

B. Announcements and offering

- Depending upon what type of device you are viewing this video on and the size of your screen, what I am about to say may vary a little bit but directly below this video on your screen you will find several things:
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- Speaking of new videos, each week we are producing three Refresh sessions:
 - Five minutes long,
 - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday,
 - Each one refreshes a key point from Sunday and often adds new material.
- We also invite you to like our Facebook page and share this broadcast on Facebook.
- In recent weeks we have been speaking of do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you:
 - We overcome the world by faith (I John 5:4).
 - We overcome adversity and trial by faith (I Pet 1:6-7).
 - Faith needs expression:
 - Love,
 - Rejoicing,
 - Confession.
 - Another powerful expression of faith is financial giving:

Luke 16:9-13 9 "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. 10 He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11 **Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?** 12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to

the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

C. Committing ourselves relationally

I Pet 2:23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, **but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;**

- Today I want to talk about committing ourselves relationally, not only with Jesus but also with other people.
- Many people do not want to fully commit because:
 - They are unsure if they can follow through,
 - They lose bargaining power.
- In the kingdom of heaven, we do not lose power by fully committing but we gain it. Last week we illustrated this a couple of ways:
 - The navy seaman who fully committed himself to the rope,
 - Committing ourselves to the buoyant force of water to swim or snorkel.
- Here is an example of committing ourselves relationally: Girlfriend, serious relationship, overseas, ...
 - Essential understanding: It was through Christ,
 - Follow-up one month later.
- Humanly, we are often reluctant to commit:
 - Our heart may not yet be prepared,
 - It may feel like we are giving more than we are receiving,
 - We do not want to be taken advantage of,
 - We may want the flexibility to change our minds,
 - We cannot foresee future circumstances.
- And yet, relational commitment to others through Christ:

- Is our strongest place,
- Is our most secure place (Psa 91:1),
- Is our most blessed place,
- Is what love really is.

D. Passages of Scripture similar to I Peter 2

I Pet 2:21,23 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, **leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:** ... 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, **but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;**

- Jesus committed Himself to the Father, as an example to us, that we would do the same.

Phil 2:5-9 5 **Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,** 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.** 9 **Therefore God also has highly exalted Him** and given Him the name which is above every name,

- Jesus humbled Himself ...
- Let this same mind be in you,
- Therefore God has highly exalted Him.

Matt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

- He is the Christ, God's authorized One.
- Kingdom authority has arrived in the form of a Person.
- Repentance is the heartfelt adjustment necessary to provide a continuous relational response to His authority.

E. I Peter as a whole

I Pet 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by **various trials**,

I Pet 4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the **fiery trial which is to try you**, as though some strange thing happened to you;

- How does Peter interpret this circumstance of various trials?
- It is about the genuineness of their faith being tested:
 - It is time for rejoicing,
 - It is time for holiness represented by obedience and love for one another.
 - It is a time for submission:
 - Governments,
 - Masters,
 - Husbands,
 - In the church.
- Jesus is our example. He did it by committing Himself to Him who judges righteously.
- The results of our faith being tested:
 - We love life and see good days (3:10),
 - We are exalted in due time (5:6),
 - Our prayers are not hindered (3:7).
- Years ago, we heard about people burning their draft cards. You may wish to burn your right-of-refusal card.
- Prayer ...