



Outline – Sunday Service January 4th, 2026

Sermon Title: How Then Shall We LIVE?

“LIVE in the MIND of Christ!”

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-4/ Philippians 2:3-13

1. Our **Participation** in gospel humility and obedience: The Application of the Mind of Christ. vv. 3-4
 - A. Our Attitude behind what we do: A Selfless mindset. Phil. 1:16-17; Rom. 2:8-9; Col. 3:9; James 3:13-18; Eph. 4:1-2; 5:21; 1 Pet. 5:5
 - B. Our mutual Appraisal of each member of Christ’s body: A Sacrificial mindset. Matt. 16:22-25; Mark 10:21; Rom. 12:3-5, 9-10; Phil. 3:7-8
 - C. Our sustained Attention in the interests of others within the body: A Servant-oriented mindset. Mark 10:45; Rom. 12:15; 14:19-22; 15:1; 1 Cor. 8:9-13; 13:4-6; James 2:8

2. By the **Paragon** of gospel humility and obedience: THE Archetypal Model Christ Jesus. vv. 5-11
 - A. Called to be unified in Christ-centered **thinking**, which guarantees God glorifying lives of holiness. 1 Cor. 2:14-16; Rom. 12:2-3; Col. 3:1-17
 - B. Consider what Christ **thought**: preexisting as equal with God but did not pursue bringing glory to himself. John 1:1, 14; 8:58; Heb. 1:3-13
 - C. Consider what Christ **took**: He set aside an aspect of his glory and *took on* the visible form of a slave among humanity. Matt. 24:36; John 5:19; 5:30; 8:28; 17:5; 2 Cor. 8:9; Matt. 27:46
 - D. Consider Christ’s **Target**: He submitted himself under the Father’s will and became obedient unto humiliation – “the death of the Cross.” John 1:18; John 4:34; 6:38-40; Heb. 10:1-10; 12:2
 - E. Consider every bowed knee and confessing **Tongue**: All will glorify Christ confessing him to be LORD, which will redound to the Father’s HONOR. vv. 11; Is. 45:23

3. Through the **Power** of God’s gospel impartation: The Answer to working out the Mind of Christ. vv. 12-13
 - a. Our Responsibility to act: To work out our **salvation** with Fear and trembling. Rom. 13:12-14 Eph. 2:8-10; Phil. 3:13-14; Heb. 4:11; Heb. 12:1; 2 Pet. 1:5-10
 - b. The Root of our enablement: God, who is the **source** of both the Power and Pattern in living out the mind of Christ. Ez. 36:26-27; John 1:12-13; 6:44-45; Phil. 1:6; Heb. 13:20-21; James 1:17-19