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Philippians 2:5

The Mind of Christ

THE MIND
OF *Christ*

Adopt the **attitude**
that was in Christ Jesus

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

You must have
the same
attitude
that
Christ Jesus
had.

Let his
mindset
become your
motivation.



Think of
yourselves
the way
Christ Jesus
thought of
himself.

**The Word of God
for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!**

Focus on what joins, not what divides



2 Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, ² complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other.

But preacher someone has to tell them what is wrong!

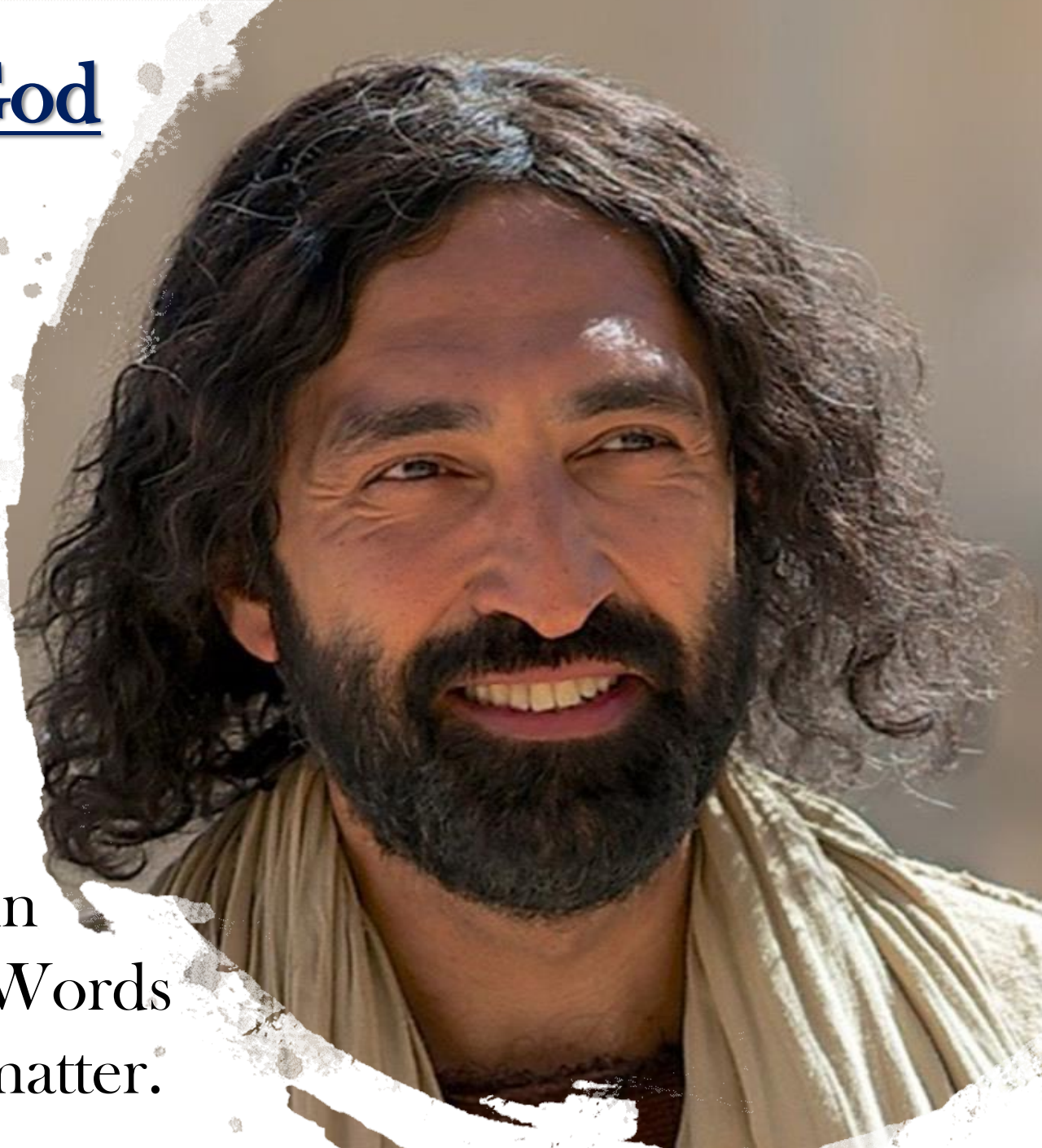
Focus on original Goodness, not original Sin!

He was the very Nature of God

- **God, Personified**
- **God, in our mist**
- **God, as we could be**

We find the “Nature of God”
in the persona of Jesus Christ.

The Nature of God in Christ in us
is the core attitude/behavior found in
the Life of Jesus. Long before the Words
matter, the Attitude/behavior must matter.



God reveals God's self through proximity & humility.



Our God could just as easily be called the “All Vulnerable” as “The “Almighty”.

- **God in Christ** became proximate with the least, lost, sick, poor, & possessed.
- **God in Christ** came near to touch humans in their weakness.
- **God in Christ** is God in us as Jesus reveals our calling & identity.
- **God is Christ** is to be God is us, God through us.

For many, God is still the “Man upstairs”; a far too distant facsimile of the Christ.



Read Luke 19:1-10 The Story of Zaccheus

The Bible is a Book
of Life Stories!
A Book of Metaphors!

- Who is Zaccheus?
- Who is standing near by?
- What are the complaints?
- Who do you relate to in the story?
- Are you Jesus?

The first shall be last & the last shall be first

³ Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves.

⁴ Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others.

The Greatest of these is Love!

*But preacher someone has to tell them
what is wrong!*





Humility is our realization that in the presence of God we are small, passing quickly, and our ego is our hinderance to seeing the greatness of our God.

- **Wisdom** is the realization that we are always in the presence of God.
- **Reverence** is our actions reflecting the love of God in Christ in us.
- **Humility, Wisdom, & Reverence** is our posture in God's World.