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I Corinthians 2:16, **“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.”**

“He has a mind of his own” is a common phrase used by many of us to refer to someone who *“does his or her own thing.”* When a child seems to be off in another world and is seemingly unaware of what is going on around them, we might use this phrase. When an adult breaks from the norm and does things differently, we again refer to them as *“having a mind of their own.”* I had many a student whom I felt to be in this same condition. When the Apostle Paul said that **“we have the mind of Christ”**, he was not boasting of being in a better frame of mind due to something he had done, but rather was expressing what the Lord had done for him and all Children of God who have been born again of the Spirit. The **“mind of the Lord”** refers to the trinity, the three-in-one Godhead, where the **“mind of Christ”** refers to the spiritual mind given to the child of God when they are born again, and yet they are synonymous. The first part of verse 16 clarifies the position we hold on having the mind of Christ. Of our own-selves, we are not capable of instructing God at any time for we know not the mind of the Lord in regards to His wisdom and knowledge. The Lord instills in His born again children, the mind of Christ; which means a Spiritual Mind which is then capable of knowing the majesty of God and the depravity of man. As one said before, *“Man has done all the sinning, and God has done all the saving.”* Bottom line, we can only come to the realization of how great the **“mind of the Lord”** is until we have been given the **“mind of Christ”**. *Think about it!*