### THE MIND

#### 1Peter 1:13

Our minds needs to be prepared for any action

Preparations for all activities begins in our minds

For everything to be done excellently preparation has to take place

Name certain things here;-

All poor jobs are done for lack of preparations from the our mind

NB; Everything is all about preparations

- ✓ Have you ever slept without knowing or having no idea of the type of clothes you will wear coming to Church or going to an important meeting?
- ✓ How easy was it in the morning trying to choose the clothes?

You waste a lot of time and that's how we end up being late in the meeting

✓ Quiz how prepared are we to serve God and his people?

The quality of our preparation determines the quality of the job done

#### 1Peter 4:7

Preparation of any sort gives clear directions.

Prayer is one of the most important aspect in the life of a Christian and therefore we should clear our minds, decide from the mind what you really want so that we can be able to pray

Unclear mind is not ready to offer prayers and that's why we confess our sins to clean up our minds for proper worship

# Our clear expression to God comes from a clear mind

When our minds are not clear, it's hard to have meaningful prayers

## Why we need Clear Minds?

# 1. To avoid double -mindedness

## **James 1:5-8**

Double minded persons will get absolutely nothing from God

God works on clarity not ambiguity

### 2. We clear our minds Coz our lives is the outcome of our minds

### Romans 8:5

We have two major *drivers* of life that we have to *choose* which one will drive us

The one we choose we set our minds on!

- Sinful nature desires
- Spiritual nature desires

Our lives is the outcome of these two

**♣** One mind is dead while the other is alive!

If I may ask all of us this morning are our minds alive or dead?

NB; Sometimes Christians operates with dead minds coz they are full of negative attitudes

Our consciences are dead and they no longer warn us for un-spirituality

### V s 6-11

♣ The way to know if your mind is dead is to check the level of your obedient to God's word

If you find it hard to obey any command from the bible then your mind is dead

The way to know if your mind is alive there is an amazing peace within you, righteous life springing out, and whatever you do pleases God

## V s 12

We have a duty as Christians to live according to the Spirit and the way to do so is to set our minds on the things that the Spirit desires

#### **Conclusions**

#### Phil 2:5-11

Develop the mind of Christ

V s 6-11 Gives us the mind of Christ

Made himself nothing

Made himself a servant

Made himself humble

All this is what we need to live as Christians

The outcome **[V-s 9]** God exalted him above all names and through his name we now have salvation

God bless you are we make efforts to develop the mind of Christ