

The Mind of Christ in Action



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- **“Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.”**





Introduction

The Mind of Christ in Action...

- Holds forth the word of life
- Rejoices in the day of Christ
- Recognizes it has not run in vain
- Recognizes it has not labored in
vain

Holds forth the word of life



- Mutual working of salvation
- Do everything without grumbling, arguing
- Purpose...so that—blameless & pure (Deut 32:5)
- Influence—shine like stars
- “Holds forth” by paying attention to!
- The word of life—Christ embodies both at once

Rejoices in the day of



Christ

- **“Day of Christ” important for Paul in Philippians—1:6 & 1:10**
- **He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:8)**
- **Rejoicing tied to the day of Christ! Also, 4:4**

Recognizes it has not run in vain

- Paul uses athletic metaphor here
- Implies race has a reward in the end
- 1 Corinthians 9:24

[*The Need for Self-Discipline*] Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.





Galatians 2:2

- **I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain.**



Galatians 5:7

- **You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?**



Hebrews 12:1

- **“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...”**

Recognizes it has not labored in vain



- “labor” describes his work in the gospel
- 1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.



- **2 Corinthians 6:1**

“As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain.”

- **1 Thessalonians 3:5**

“For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain.”

Conclusion



- **Encouraged by “The Mind of Christ” in Action...**
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