

Christian Attitude/Mindedness

PART #2

Phroneo Theme in Philipians

1:7 - froneo	3:15 - froneo
2:2 - froneo	3:16 - froneo
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2:3 - tapeinofrosune	4:2 - froneo
2:5 - froneo	4:10 - froneo

Other similar words are used as well:
psuchos, dokeo, noema

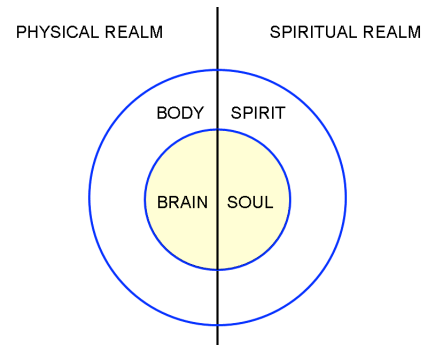
Some Background on Flesh/Spirit

Rom 8:5 - For those who are according to the flesh **set their minds** on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

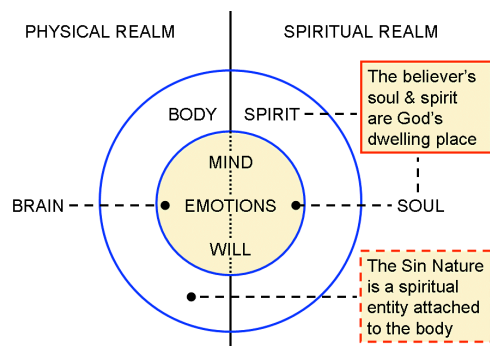
The word 'flesh' in this passage refers to the sin nature as it acts in and through the human body.

Paul elaborates on and lists some of the deeds of 'the flesh' in Gal 5:16-21

A Biblical Physical / Spiritual Anatomy



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In flesh, in Spirit

The unbeliever is locked into being constantly and by nature 'in flesh', that expression of the sin nature in and through the human body

The believer, on the other hand, has multiple ministries and fruit of the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit indwells the believer always

The process of "phroneo" is a ministry of the Spirit and contingent on being in fellowship.

We are in the Spirit

Rom 8:9 - However, you are not in the flesh but **in the Spirit**, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Phroneo is an issue of Spirit Enabled

PERSPECTIVE

Mindedness is all about Christ

Positional Truth

"But we have the mind of Christ."
1 Corinthians 2:16b

Conditional Truth

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus",
Philippians 2:5 (NKJV)

The Spirit controls the mind of the new man.

Phil 2:5 - **Have this attitude** in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus

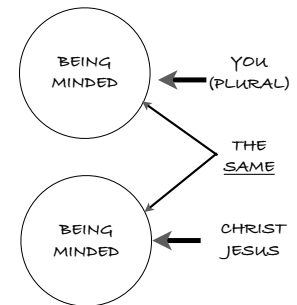
Have [this] attitude: Greek **phroneo** = to have a mindset about something or someone, involving the will, emotions & conscience, resulting in a proper course of action.

Here it is a *plural present active imperative*, so Paul is saying they must be continuing to be minded in this way.

Philippians 2:5

The Greek text does not actually have a past tense verb here so:

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,"



Reeling in our Mindset

As we use common phrases with fellow believers we would do well to have a biblical perspective on them.

- Where's your head?
- What were you thinking?
- Wrap your mind around that
- Attitude adjustment
- Think about that
- As I thought to myself
- Mind your own business
- Put your mind to it
- Set your mind in motion
- Get out of your head
- Set your mind free
- Change your mindset
- Listen to your gut
- Stimulate your mind
- Gain some perspective
- Different point of view
- Think good thoughts
- Positive thinking
- Listen to your instincts
- It's what you make of it
- It's a state of mind
- My head is spinning

Final Thoughts

Paul is saying in Philippians that we must, in our present condition, as a logical outcome of our eternal position in Christ, continue to be minded as Christ is minded.