

## B. Orientation:

1. The Bible presents passages that orient the believer to the thinking of Christ.
2. In the dispensation of the Church, the believer must pursue, learn, and then apply the doctrinal rationales of the Lord's.

**1 Corinthians 2:16** For who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to advise him. But we have the mind of Christ. (NET)

3. Several verses command the believer to rely on the Lord as his ultimate resource for the application of his Law of Freedom:

**Hebrews 12:2** Keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set out for him he endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (NET)

**1 Pet 3:15** But set Christ apart as Lord in your hearts and always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks about the hope you possess. (NET)

4. God makes a direct positive demand on your will and volition to be occupied with Christ, which is a mandate to be consistent in the metabolization of doctrine.
5. Occupation with Christ is having fellowship with Him and the Holy Spirit:

**1 Corinthians 1:9** God is faithful, by Whom you were called [ **καλέω** (*kaléō*): **common grace**<sup>1</sup> ] into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord. (NET)

The “call of God” occurs between common and efficacious grace. It is God the Father inviting the unbeliever to change his mind about Jesus Christ and believe in His Son for salvation.

6. Fellowship with the Holy Spirit is imperative for the believer to apply doctrine in his soul:

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<sup>1</sup> The invitation of God to believe in Jesus Christ. When the unbeliever listens to the gospel and hears an accurate presentation, God the Holy Spirit makes that information lucid, comprehensible, and understandable. Belief in Christ results in eternal life; rejection of Him results in eternal condemnation. This describes the divine appeal to the unbeliever's Law of Freedom to either accept or reject the offer. Scripture refers to this as “the call” or “the calling of God.”

**2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (NASB)

**Philippians 2:1** Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ [ **and there is** ], if there is any comfort from love [ **personal integrity, and there is** ], if there is any fellowship with the Holy Spirit [ **and there is** ], if there are any emotional responses or resultant mercies [ **and there is** ];

**v. 2** be filled with my happiness that you might be thinking the same things [ **divine viewpoint** ], having the same virtue love, united in soul rapport, concentrating on one objective... (EXT)

**Philippians 2:5** ... having this thinking in yourself which was also in Christ Jesus. (EXT)

7. The mature Christian does not seek encouragement from or dependence on people but from dependence on God. Occupation with Christ does not depend on emotionalism or any other human work but rather on perception of the Word of God and its application.
8. Most believers in the twenty-first century place their confidence in circumstances, other people, or human concepts of security. But this is the devil's world. Lucifer takes every opportunity to sell you the bill of goods that *cosmos diabolicus* can provide true happiness.

Understanding this biblical reality helps avoid those traps. Occupation with Christ is the soul's strategy for true happiness regardless of the environment around us.

But the spiritual advance to that rarified level of the spiritual life is a long row to hoe. It requires the development of the asset of becoming a doer of the Word rather than just a hearer only.

There are three doctrines that orient the believer to the cosmic environment in which he functions and the divine assets available to successfully navigate within it: The Angelic Conflict, the doctrine of Dispensations, and the doctrine of the Divine Decree.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> To study these doctrines, consult these books: *The Angelic Conflict*, *The Divine Outline of History: Dispensations and the Church*, and *The Integrity of God* in which see "Appendix B: The Doctrine of the Divine Decree," each written by R. B. Thieme, Jr., and published by R. B. Thieme Jr., Bible Ministries, Houston, Texas.



### C. Motivation and Function:

1. Occupation with Christ subtly phases out one's dependence on people over to dependence on the Lord. This does not refer to normal interactions with others when functioning in an organization where people depend on each other to achieve an objective.
2. Dependence only on the Lord is the standard for the believer's spiritual life. With doctrine in the soul while in fellowship with the Holy Spirit we depend exclusively on the Lord to provide solutions to our problems.
3. Generally speaking, others cannot be depended upon to resolve your personal problems. Usually the best solution is to change yourself and that is accomplished by growing in grace and depending on grace.
4. Occupation with Christ is acquired by the inculcation of divine viewpoint. We are free agents with the divine asset of the Law of Freedom. Inculcation of divine viewpoint allows the soul to choose and then apply divine solutions.

**2 Corinthians 5:14** The love of Christ keeps on motivating us, and we have reached the conclusion that One [ Jesus Christ ] died as a substitute for us all; therefore, all [ of humanity ] have died [ spiritually at physical birth ].

**v. 15** Furthermore, He [ Jesus Christ ] died a substitute for all [ unlimited atonement ], in order that those who live [ believers in Christ ] should no longer live for themselves, but for Him Who died and was resurrected.

**v. 16** Therefore, in the future, we acknowledge no one from human viewpoint even though we have known Christ from human viewpoint. Now we do not know Him from the human perspective any longer. (EXT)

5. Occupation with Christ does away with human viewpoint. Our nation is torn apart by the dichotomy of ideas. For many, human viewpoint has deteriorated into human good while for others it has metastasized into evil.
6. A client nation is maintained when most of its citizens seek to use the Law of Freedom to pursue "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" while others possess the doctrinal inventory to prolong the endeavor from generation to generation.



7. Excerpts from *The Declaration of Independence* and *The Constitution of the United States of America* amplify the point:

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any form of Government becomes destructive to these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.<sup>3</sup>

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America.<sup>4</sup>

8. Loss of thought eventuates into loss of freedom as the Dark Side co-opts that loss with the inculcation of the lie, a situation Paul addressed in the first century in:

**1 Timothy 4:1** But the Holy Spirit explicitly reports, that in later times [ **between the First and Second Advents** ] some believers will become apostate from the truth, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons [ **faculty of the Satanic Academy of Cosmic Didactics** ],

**v. 2** by means of hypocrisy from the source of human liars have been branded in their own conscience as with a branding iron. (EXT)

9. As the Whirlwind intensifies then the purveyors of human viewpoint and evil spread polemics against various standards of establishment truth while being intolerant of any competing opinion. The biblical defense against the Whirlwind's ever-increasing force on the Beaufort Wind Scale is occupation with Christ.
10. Occupation with Christ results in God emphasis taking precedence over people emphasis thereby eliminating human viewpoint. This is replaced by an ever-advancing perspective of reality founded on divine viewpoint.

<sup>3</sup> The Declaration of Independence, paragraph two.

<sup>4</sup> The Constitution of the United States of America: Preamble.



11. Because of the Word of God, mature believers have clear discernment about what is transpiring in Client Nation America, great confidence in the fact that a novice politician but master negotiator is now in control of our national government. Bible-based believers remain unsurprised over the cosmic assaults against his establishment-based corrections and the resultant hostility.
12. David recognized this very assault on him and his government which was history's first iteration of a client nation. In the aftermath of these wars, David pondered the prospects of the nation's future in the first of the Messianic Psalms
13. A text of Psalm 2 refers to the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant in the person of Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, and His ultimate victory over those nations that opposed Him both Jew and Gentile at the Second Advent.
13. This Psalm is clearly Messianic, but its application may be applied to Gentile client nations and to the United States in particular at this point in its history.
14. This Psalm is primarily focused on the political and military turmoil that emerges during Daniel's seventieth heptad, better known as the Tribulation. The international conflicts of the Church Age are instigated by the same dark forces that dominate the Great Tribulation and therefore may be interpreted from that perspective.

**Psalm 2:1** Why do the heathen rage, and the people  
imagine a vain thing? (KJV)

1. We will continue with quotes from the NASB and expanded translations, but the verbiage of verse 1 from the King James is so well-known that subsequent English translations lose its impact.
2. The verb "rage" is the Qal perfect of רָגַשׁ (*ragash*). This is a hapax legomenon that describes the plotting and scheming of adversaries from the Dark Side that coordinate uprisings and demonstrations against the establishment standards held by the righteous. It has to do with promoting civil disobedience.
3. Imagining "a vain thing" has to do with the propaganda that motivates and accompanies the rabble's uprisings. The word "vain" is רִיק (*riyq*): The delusions that accompany the machinations of deluded, propagandized people.
4. The strategy by the Beast Dictator of the Tribulation is the amalgamation of nations under one dominant leader, specifically himself. This is the cosmic strategy of internationalism.