

**The Spirit of Christ**  
**Phil 2:5-8**  
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Thesis: I want to show the spirit of Christ and how we should follow His example.

Intro:

1. Christ is our greatest example for many reasons.
2. His actions and His attitudes are worthy of recognition and following (**1 Jn 2:6**).

I. Necessity of Having the Spirit of Christ

1. Must have the spirit of Christ (**Rom 8:9**)
2. Have the mind of Christ (**Phil 2:5-8**)

II. Qualities of Christ's Spirit

A. Humility

1. Lived a humble life (*Phil 2:5-8*)
2. Taught others to be humble (**Mt 18:1-3**)
3. Humble actions (washed feet) (*Jn 13:1-17*)

B. Obedience

1. Came to do the Father's will (**Jn 6:38-39**)
2. Learned obedience (**Heb 5:8**)
3. On cross, "finished" His work (**Jn 19:30**)

C. Love

1. Loved everyone (**Jn 3:16**)
2. Loved even His enemies (**Mt 5:43-44**)

D. Faith/Trust in Jehovah God

1. Dependent on (trusted) Father (**Jn 5:30**)
2. Total faith in will of Father (**Mt 7:21**)

E. Forgiveness

1. Taught others to forgive (**Mt 5:43-44; Mt 18:21-22**)
2. He forgave others (**Lk 23:34**)

F. Compassion/Tenderness

- 1. Toward sinful woman (Lk 7:36-50)**
- 2. To adulterous woman (Jn 8:1-11)**

G. Willingness to sacrifice

1. Died for all mankind (**Heb 2:9**)
2. Suffered on the cross (*Jn 19:17-30*)
3. Purchased church with blood (**Acts 20:28**)

III. Benefits of having the Spirit of Christ

1. Do the will of the Father (**Mt 7:21**)
2. He will confess us before the Father (**Mt 10:32-33**)
3. Mansion prepared for the faithful (**Jn 14:1-3**)

Conc:

1. Christ sets the example for us to follow.
2. The actions & attitudes we have seen today remind us of the greatness of Christ and our need to follow His example (**Jn 13:14-17**).

### **Hear**

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

### **Believe**

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

### **Repent**

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

### **Confess**

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

### **Be baptized**

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

### **Remain Faithful**

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.