

## Him Who Strengthens Me – Phil 4:13

- I. Introduction
- II. Key Thought: We will examine this great text to see, what can be done through Christ, how much of what we do is through Christ, and who it is who strengthens us.
- III. What can be done through Christ
  - a. Perform great deeds – Like Paul
    - i. At least four great journeys spreading the gospel throughout the world
    - ii. On two continents
    - iii. In virtually every land on the banks of the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean Sea
    - iv. Rom. 15:17-24
    - v. Jesus got the credit
    - vi. His strength
  - b. Endure great suffering
    - i. Like Paul
    - ii. 2 Cor. 11:25-28
    - iii. Not by his own power
    - iv. For Christ's sake – 2 Cor. 12:10
  - c. Overcoming great evil
    - i. Like Paul
      1. In the world – At Athens – Acts 17:22-31
        - a. He stood at the center of Greek culture and influenced denounced in broad daylight the fundamental error of pagan idolatry
        - b. And called 1000 years of Greek civilization to repent and turn to Jesus Christ
        - c. Only a few believed that day
        - d. Pagan religion shriveled and died in the exalted light of the gospel of Jesus Christ
        - e. Paul did that – through the strength of Jesus Christ
      2. His own
        - a. 1 Tim. 1:12-17
        - b. There is no greater evil than that which deceives a man into thinking what is right is wrong and what is wrong is right
        - c. The power of Jesus Christ overcame that evil within Saul of Tarsus and turned him into Paul the apostle
          - i. Ready to overcome great evil
          - ii. Endure great suffering
          - iii. And perform great deeds
          - iv. Through the strength of Jesus Christ
- IV. How much of what is done is through Christ
  - a. Every good thing we do

- b. Not I, but Christ – Rom. 15:17-19; 1 Cor. 15:8-10; Gal. 2:20
  - c. Giving God the credit will enable to accomplish much more
    - i. We don't have to manage our own reputation
    - ii. Make sure our efforts are noticed and appreciated
    - iii. God is responsible for our PR
    - iv. Heb 11 – God testified of them
    - v. Rom 8 – If God is for us who can be against us?
  - d. We could do everything we do through him
    - i. But some things we do are not through him
    - ii. If we cannot do it with His strength, let's not do it
  - e. Doing it through Christ's strength
    - i. According to His will
    - ii. In His way
    - iii. For His name's sake
    - iv. To His glory
    - v. By His power
  - f. What ever your hand finds to do, do it with Christ's might – Eccl 9:10
- V. Him who Strengthens us
- a. The creator of all things
  - b. The redeemer of all mankind
  - c. The divine son of God
  - d. The performer of great wonders
    - i. Over nature
    - ii. Over illness
    - iii. Over the works of the devil
  - e. This is the one who strengthens us
  - f. He can, therefore, we can
  - g. Greater works than these we will do – John 14:12-14
- VI. Conclusion – Phil 4:13
- a. What hard things need done in your life?
    - i. Perform great deeds
    - ii. Endure great hardships
    - iii. Overcome great evil
  - b. Try doing it through Christ's strength
    - i. According to His will
    - ii. In His way
    - iii. To His glory
    - iv. By His power
  - c. Invitation