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 us 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. Whatever 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