

**"EXPERIENCING CHRIST - CHRIST OUR STRENGTH"**

**PHILIPPIANS 4:10-20**

**TEXT: VERSE 13**

**"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME"**

**I. OUR PERSONALITY AND THE STRENGTH OF CHRIST**

**"I"**

- A. "I" as in the Apostle Paul
  - The one who went from a **PERSECUTOR** to a **PROCLAIMER!**
- B. "I" as in Every Believer
  - Those who are changed from **SPIRITUAL DEATH** to **SPIRITUAL LIFE!**

**II. OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND THE STRENGTH OF CHRIST**

**"CAN DO ALL THINGS"**

(All things we are called to do as a Child of God)

- A. That Which we are Called to Be
  - 1. Called to be Christ-Like
  - 2. Called to be Spirit-Filled
  - 3. Called to be God-Honoring
- B. That Which we are Called to Do
  - 1. Called to Obey God
  - 2. Called to Serve God
  - 3. Called to Worship God

**III. OUR POTENTIALITY AND THE STRENGTH OF CHRIST**

**"THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME"**

- A. Christ Provides Our Strength
- B. Christ IS Our Strength

**NOTE:** The GK. Word for "Strength" means **"To Put Power In."** The fact is, **CHRIST INFUSES HIS POWER IN US TO SUSTAIN US IN LIFE.**

**SOME OBSERATIONS**

- 1) We can do NOTHING apart from the POWER OF CHRIST
  - John 15:5
  - No Salvation without His Power
  - No Service without His Power
- 2) We can do ALL THINGS we are called to do through the POWER OF CHRIST
  - Ephesians 3:16-20; 2 Corinthians 12:10; Romans 8:35-39

**NOTE:** God makes us Responsible **"TO DO"** His Will while HE PROMISES to be Responsible to **SUPPLY US** the STRENGTH for us **"TO DO"** His Will.

**NOTE:** We have NO RIGHT to use our WEAKNESSES as an EXCUSE to get out of our BIBLICAL RESPONSIBILITIES. But we MUST recognize our WEAKNESSES and TRUST TOTALLY ON CHRIST for the STRENGTH to BE and DO all that pleases Him.

### APPLICATION/LESSON

In our Christian PERSONALITY, it is our RESPONSIBILITY to be and do all Christ desires. But without HIS STRENGTH we will never achieve our POTENTIAL for Him. WE MUST DEPEND UPON HIM!

- By Recognizing our Weaknesses - Name them.
- By Realizing His Strengths - Consider them.
- By Relying upon Him Always - Do it.

### SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

HOW OFTEN HAVE WE FAILED IN SOME AREA OF OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE BECAUSE WE TRIED TO DO IT BY OUR OWN STRENGTH? MANY TIMES. IF ONLY WE WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED CHRIST'S POWERFUL PRESENCE IN US, AND APPROPRIATED IT, WE WOULD NOT HAVE FAILED, BUT WOULD HAVE BEEN VICTORIOUS.