

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