

Philippians 4:1-23

I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me

- Paul shows the Church in Philippi, and us that it is not our works that save. It is faith in Jesus and His Lordship of our life that saves us.
- Paul shows that they do not need to be circumcised in order to be good Christians or a good church.
- He shows that he is content sharing Jesus in jail, and they/we need to be content in their/our situation in church.
- He shows that we will suffer while on earth, but if we have Jesus we will live in heaven in perfection.
- Paul shows they/we need to tell others about Jesus.
- He shows them that they need to be humble. If Jesus and Paul are humble, we need to be humble.
- Paul shows us and the Philippians that we need to be a light of Jesus to the world.
- Paul shows us that we need to watch out for false teachers or people in the church who lead people astray instead of pointing them to Jesus.
- Paul shows that we need to press on toward Jesus and heaven. Don't give up and begin to serve yourself and the world.
- Paul shows that if we truly know Jesus as our Savior, our citizenship is in heaven.

Vs 1-3 Paul demonstrates his love for this church. He truly cares about them and is proud of them. That being said, Paul is lovingly pointing them to do what they need to do.

Paul tells the church in Philippi that they need to *stand firm* in the Lord. Jesus is their foundation, and He has them now and for eternity.

Matthew 7: 21-29 *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' 24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." 28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.*

We do not know the dispute between Euodia and Syntyche but Paul urges them to be like minded. Phil 2:2

Vs 4-9 In the midst of life and all of its circumstances, and in church, Paul urges these Christians to rejoice in the Lord always.

God is with us, God saves us, and God is helping us. We can rejoice in this. Do you sit back and contemplate that God and His angels are helping you now???

Paul wants Christians to get along and not be emotionally charged. Christians need to be reasonable.

Paul tells this church that they do not need to be anxious. God has their problem and God has ours!

What area of life are you anxious about and not trusting God?

Paul tells us what to do when we are anxious, worried, or not reasonable. We need to PRAY!

What area of life do you need to talk to God about?

God can and will help you and guard your mind.

Vs 8-9 God uses Paul to encourage the church in how to think. God tells us that we need to focus on what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable and excellent. Do you do this?

How would your heart, mind, and attitude change if you did? Where do you need to refocus now?

Vs 10-13 Paul is thankful the church cares for him. Paul also has had to learn to be content in Jesus.

Our circumstances always change in this sinful world. We deal with our sin and the sin of others. With the hope of Jesus, we can be content in any and every situation.

Where are you not content?

How can we survive and have peace in this world? WE NEED JESUS! I can do all things through CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME!

Vs 14-20 God wants the church to help each other and God wants the church to help other churches and Christians. We are partners in life and ministry. This church helps Paul and God is the ultimate giver of all that we need.

Vs 21-23 Paul tells them to tell everyone hello for him.

What area of your life are you not content in?

What area of your life are you anxious about?

What area of your life are you thinking bad thoughts about?

Have you given those things to Jesus?

- 1. Stand firm in the Lord**
- 2. Rejoice in the Lord always.**
- 3. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.**
- 4. Do not be anxious about anything.**
- 5. By prayer make your requests be known to God.**
- 6. Whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellence, worthy of praise, think about these things.**
- 7. Whatever the situation, be content.**
- 8. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**
- 9. God will supply every need of yours.**