

Paul Could Do All Things through Christ

(Philippians 4:13)

Introduction:

1. The apostle Paul made this statement in his letter to the church in Philippi.
2. As he made this statement Paul revealed the source of his strength -- Christ.
3. In our lesson we are examining 4 things that Paul did through Christ.

Discussion:

- I. THROUGH CHRIST PAUL OVERCAME HIS PAST (1 Timothy 1:12-17)
 - A. Saul was present when Stephen was stoned (Acts 7:57-58; 8:1a).
 - B. Saul abused Christians (Acts 8:3; 9:1-2).
 - C. Saul was taught how to have his sins washed away (Acts 22:16).
 - D. Saul complied with these instructions (Acts 9:18).
 - E. Saul's reputation followed him for a time (Acts 9:26).
 - F. Through the Lord Saul overcame (Acts 9:27-28).
- II. THROUGH CHRIST PAUL LEARNED CONTENTMENT (Philippians 4:10-18)
 - A. Paul was in prison when he wrote this letter.
 - B. There were times when he had plenty, and there were times when he was in need.
 - C. He was grateful to the Christians in Philippi for sending him a gift.
 - D. He let them know that he had learned to be content, regardless of the circumstances he faced.
- III. THROUGH CHRIST PAUL WAS ABLE TO ENDURE HIS THORN IN THE FLESH (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)
- IV. THROUGH CHRIST PAUL FACED DEATH WITH GREAT CONFIDENCE (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18)

Conclusion:

1. These are 4 things that Paul did through Christ.
2. We must study them because we are to follow his example (Philippians 4:9).