

III. THE ACCESS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

- A. Divine (heavenly) _____
1. God's grace is _____
2 Corinthians 12:9 "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."
* God's strength is made perfect in weakness
 2. God never _____ the Christian's trials
- B. The Christian is _____ through Christ's blood
1. God _____ His love
 2. Christ _____ for us while we were yet sinners
 3. While we were _____, God reconciled us by Jesus' death
- C. The Christian is _____ through the Spirit
1. God _____ the Christian with the Holy Spirit
 - a.) Helper, Spirit of Truth (John 14:16-17)
 - b.) Helper, will teach all things (John 14:26)
 - c.) Comforter, testifies of Jesus (John 15:26)
 - d.) Spirit of Truth will guide you (John 16:13-14)
 - e.) Promises of the Father to give power (Luke 24:49)
 - f.) Promises of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33)

With **CHRIST** **WE CAN!**

PHILIPPIANS 4:12-13 "¹²I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

INTRODUCTION

- A. Difficult times we're living in
- B. How does a Christian move forward in difficult times?
 1. In human terms, we don't know the future
- C. Paul faced many difficult times
 1. Difficulties in Ministry
 2. Difficulties in Prison
 3. This letter written from a Roman prison
- D. God is the provider (giver) of strength

Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

I. THE ATTITUDE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

- A. The _____ of Biblical thinking
1 Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- B. A _____ Attitude
 1. " _____ " (vs. 13)
 2. We are _____ than conquerors
Romans 8:37 "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."
 3. Give positive _____

4. And _____ God is still on the throne

C. A _____ Attitude

1. Paul lived daily in the _____ of God

a.) Whether _____ or _____

b.) Whether having _____ or _____

Philippians 4:12 "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need."

c.) _____ in any condition

Philippians 4:11 "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

*Contentment is Christian grace

d.) The church shared Paul's _____

*Ministry costing nothing accomplishes nothing

e.) Paul's many _____

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 "⁸We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;"

f.) That Jesus would be _____ in us

2 Corinthians 4:10 "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body."

g.) That all _____ work together

Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

h.) Believe that God is _____ - God can do

II. THE ACTION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Mark 10:27 "And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."

A. God specializes in the _____

Luke 1:37 "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

B. Christians shall be _____ everywhere

Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

1. Speaking with _____

Acts 4:13 "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

Acts 4:29 "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,"

Acts 4:31 "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

Colossians 4:2-3 "²Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; ³Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:"

Ephesians 6:18-19 "¹⁸Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; ¹⁹And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,"

2. Being an _____ as a Believer

1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."