**Strength In Christ**

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Paul said in Philippians 4:13, ***“I can do all things through Him [Christ] who strengthens me.”*** We need to understand what Paul was saying by that and what he was not saying. If we read the preceding verses, the context tells us that Paul was NOT saying: “Because I have faith in Jesus, I am going to be wealthy, everything’s going to go my way, and I will be successful in all my earthly endeavors.”

Notice what Paul DID say: ***“Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in WHATEVER situation I am to be CONTENT. I know how to be BROUGHT LOW, and I know how to ABOUND. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing PLENTY and HUNGER, ABUNDANCE and NEED”***(Philippians 4:11-12).

What Paul meant by “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” is that no matter what comes my way, good times or bad, success or failure, I have strength through Jesus Christ my Lord and hope for an eternal future.