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THE CHRISTIAN CAN

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me”

Philippians 4:13

Paul said, “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*” (Philippians 4:13). The Christian must be careful with his interpretation of this verse. The Christian does not wish to do some things. There are other things which God has not placed in his power. What Paul is saying is that the Christian *can* do all things which God desires and expects him to do. In many cases this may be far more that the Christian ever dreamed he might be able to do.

1. THE CHRISTIAN CAN BEAR BURDENS THAT OTHER MEN CANNOT BEAR. He can do so because he is not bearing them alone. The Christian is to burden God with what burdens him (Psalm 55:22; 1 Peter 5:7). Christians help other Christians with their burdens (Galatians 6:2). When the Christian *yokes up* with Jesus Christ, his burdens become light (Matthew 11:30). The business of living the Christian life, provides strength for burden-bearing unavailable from any other source. But above all, the Christian can shoulder burdens which would overwhelm any other person because he knows there is no burden which he has to carry alone.

2. THE CHRISTIAN CAN RESIST TEMPTATIONS THAT OTHER MEN CANNOT RESIST. The Christian lives a circumscribed life (1Peter 2:9). The Christian never faces a temptation that Jesus Christ has not already examined and allowed to pass because He knows the Chris-

tian can face it and conquer it (1Corinthians 10:13). The temptations of evil are strong, but the Christian has the power to resist and put Satan to flight (James 4: 7).

3. THE CHRISTIAN CAN BEAR DISAPPOINTMENTS IN WAYS OTHER MEN CANNOT BEAR THEM. This world is not the “everything” of the child of God. When this world is gone, the Christian has another world that is far better (2 Peter 3:11-13); Revelation 21 and 22). This is not so with the “*worldly person*.” The worldly person either gets it here and enjoys it here or he does not enjoy it at all. When the Christian is risen with Christ (Romans 6: 3-3), he has affections set on things above, not on things here below (Colossians 3:1). The realization that one day all things will be made right enables the Christian to bear earthly disappointments.

4. THE CHRISTIAN CAN BEAR SORROWS IN WAYS THAT OTHER MEN CANNOT BEAR THEM. Sorrows will come and there is no way to avoid them. Life must go on in spite of sorrows. The question is what effect it will have on the Christian. Will sorrows break him, leave him bitter and full of resentment, or will sorrows form and mold him so that God can better use him? With the grace of God, sorrows can be endured. Only the Christian is equipped to bear sorrows properly.

-Levi Sides, June 2008, *The Words Of Truth*

THE MISSING INGREDIENT

A lady was baking a cake for the children of her neighborhood in her appreciation of their good behavior. As the children feasted on the cake, she asked them how it tasted. One child said, "This is the best cake I have ever eaten." Another child said, "This cake tastes just like my mother's cake. Did you use her recipe?" The lady responded by saying, "There are no missing ingredients. I baked the cake just like your mother bakes. I even added the ingredient of love."

A person can walk into a bakery and look at all the different types of pastries. They may all look delicious on the outside, but if any ingredient is missing they will taste horrible. Many people have missing ingredients in their lives. They may look good on the outside, but internally they are sour and even unpalatable to the Lord. The Lord looks into the heart of man to see who he really is. He is able to see if there are any missing ingredients. Scripture says it this way: **Jeremiah 17:10**—"I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."; **Proverbs 21:2**—"All a man's ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart."; **Psalms 44:20-21**—"If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, would not God have discovered it, since he knows the secrets of the heart?"; **Isaiah 29:13**—"The Lord says: 'These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.'"

Are there any missing ingredients in your life, such as: faith, hope, love, forgiveness, confessing Jesus as Lord, repentance, baptism for the forgiveness of your sins, devotion to God, perseverance through trials, compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, prayer and things of the like? We can have all the proper ingredients, but if we are missing Jesus then we will be bitter tasting to the Lord and He will spit us out. Check your recipe book (the Bible) and see if you are missing any ingredients. By: Joe Canales/copied

HITTING ON TWO CYLINDERS

The story is told of an Indian chief of the Osage tribe. The Osage are the Indians who became very wealthy with oil money. They are just about the only ones who did. This chief lived near Tulsa, Oklahoma. He had rights to seven well heads. When he began to become a wealthy man, he bought a Cadillac touring car, a black tuxedo, and a high silk top hat.

He admired the stories of Abraham Lincoln so much that he would walk down the street in the small town, stop, and talk to anybody that would visit with him. He liked to be sociable. Even though he never learned to drive, he never ran over anybody because two big, black horses pulled the Cadillac.

We might smile at the old chief and his ways, but our ways are sometimes like his. We, like him, hit on two cylinders when we have eight under the hood.

Solomon wrote, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working, nor planning, nor knowledge, nor wisdom" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). These things are only found in life.

Now is the time we have promised, not tomorrow.

Now is the time to receive salvation and be free.

Now is the time to do the works of the Kingdom.

Now is the time to do that good deed for someone else. Tomorrow may never come! Let's get the other cylinders working for God!

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Thought For The Week

"Where you go and what you do advertise what you are..."

YOUTH NEWS

- "Terrific Tuesday" youth enjoyed a trip to Tupelo this week to see the movie "Toy Story III". Next week the youth are planning a breakfast for the "Young at Heart" group.
- There will be an Area Wide Youth Meeting Monday, June 28th at the Mayfield Church of Christ. The van will leave at 6:20.

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Nell Smith, had a heart ablation on Friday and is doing well.

Bill King, (brother of Mike King) is awaiting surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his pancreas.

Bobby Montgomery, is having a difficult time with his breathing. He is staying right now with his daughter Kay Pack, in Henderson, TN.

Belinda Colbird, (friend of Jim Dickerson) is scheduled to have a heart cauterization July 2nd.

Margie Barkley, (grandmother of Amy Jennings) having health problems again.

Continual Prayer List

Sharon Clemmer, Nance Family, Wayne Jernigan, Marie Yancey, Linda Griggs, Donna Weeden, Sylvia Plunk, Nicki Weaver, J.A. Thornton, Pauline Smith, J.D. Stroud, Tom Elliott, Terry Young,

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Sue Collins, Shane Hutton, Corrine Hall, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen & Anna Davis

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy -Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force-California, Tiffany Erwin- Army-Camp Rooker, AL; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Alaska; Michelle Montgomery, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan

90th BIRTHDAY

We would like to send a very special Birthday Greeting to Altha Rogers, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on June 30th . Mrs. Altha is dear to all here at New Albany. If you would like to send her a card you may do so at: 2205 Maple Rd. Corinth, MS 38834-2727

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 24.....Erica Crotts
June 24.....Janice Cobb
June 24.....Sharon Clemmer
June 26.....Shelby Carpenter
June 27.....J. L. Eaton
June 29.....Deborah Griffin

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 30.....Phil & Paige Young

THANK YOU NOTE

*Thank you for everything. Words cannot convey the depth of gratitude of all our loving thoughts. We offer these common words and say thank you once again for all your prayers, calls, cards and concern. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful congregation. In Christian Love,
Andy & Sharon Clemmer*

BREAKFAST INVITATION

“Terrific Tuesday Youth” are inviting all our senior adults to come have coffee and doughnuts with them next Tuesday, June 29th at 9:00AM. If you will be able to come, please sign the list that is on the table in the foyer, so they will know how many to prepare for.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

9th Annual GOSPEL SINGING June 25 @ 7p.m.
@ Danville Church of Christ in Biggersville, Ms
Gospel Meeting @ Verona Church of Christ,
June 25-27 with Stanley Williams as guest speaker.

Visit our website @ <http://www.nacoc.org>

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	105
Sunday A.M	134
Sunday P.M.	106
Wednesday	89
Contribution.....	\$2,540.50
Budget	\$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture	Harold Russell
A.M. Prayer	Harold Russell
Closing Prayer ..	Burrell Walton
P.M. Prayer.....	Troy Robertson
Closing.....	Bobby Marques
Wed. 6/30..	Greg Clayton
Wed. 6/30.....	Randy Wall
Usher & Lock	Bill Botts
Greeters.....	R & K Jennings

PANTRY ITEM: Dried Beans

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

Elders

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson.....	534-3491

Deacons

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton	538-0791
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

Minister

Office.....	534-4649
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SENT INTO EXILE

1. What apostle was exiled to Patmos?
A. Peter B. John C. Paul D. Judas
2. How many years were the Israelites in Egypt?
A. 40 B. 70 C. 300 D. 430
3. What prophet was exiled in Egypt with other people from Judah?
A. Daniel B. Ezekiel C. Isaiah D. Jeremiah
4. What was the first instance of exile in the Bible?
A. God drove Adam and Eve out of the garden
B. Cain was driven out after he murdered his brother.
C. Adam was placed in Eden on his own.
D. Eve was separated from Adam after she sinned
5. Who was brought down to Egypt and sold to a man named Potiphar?
A. Abraham B. Joseph C. Lot D. Isaac
6. Who went into exile rather than constantly quarrel with his brother?
A. Easu B. Isaac C. Ishmael D. Jacob
7. Who was exiled from the rest of the world?
A. Cain B. Lot C. Noah and his family D. Jesus
8. Who did Abraham banish to the desert?
A. Hagar and Ishmael B. Lot C. Isaac D. Eliezer

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