"I can do all things through Christ"

"I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me."

Phil.

4:13

The Christian must guard against two sources of danger.

- 1. Self-confidence
- 2. Despondency

"Love your enemies, pray for those that persecute you."

Stephen prayed for those stoning him.



The Christian can make all the sacrifices required of him.

Abraham left his native land.

Moses gave up the treasures of Egypt.

Paul was ready to be offered up for the brethren.

"And if I am offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all." Phil. 2:17

The Christian can overcome temptations.

- Temptations to gain wealth
- Temptations to seek fame and honor
- Temptations to live for pleasure
- Temptations to follow the desires of the flesh

1 Cor 10:12-13

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it."

The Christian can overcome his enemies.

- He can vanquish Satan
- He can overcome the world
- He can crucify self
- He can triumph over death.

Eph 6:10-11

"Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

James 4:7

"Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

1 John 5:4

For whatsoever is begotten of God **overcometh the world**: and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, (even) our faith.

1 Cor 15:55-57

O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?... thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is the source of the Christian's strengeth.

■ John 6:48-51 "I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which cometh down out of heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down out of heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever:..."

John 15:1-5 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh it away: and every (branch) that beareth fruit, he cleanseth it, that it may bear more fruit.... Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing."

1 Peter 2:6 "I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: And he that believeth on him shall not be put to shame."

Matt 16:18 "...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." Matt 7:24-27 "Every one therefore that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and if fell not: for it was founded upon the rock. And every one that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof."

"I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me."

- No storm, no wind, no flood
- No trial, no temptation, no sorrow
- No work, no sacrifice, no duty is too great
- We cannot fail so long as we depend upon the Lord.