

“I Can Do ...”

Philippians 4:13

A Statement Of Faith In Christ

Paul Wasn't a Philosopher

- ▶ Philippians 4:13 is not a philosophical statement.
- ▶ Colossians 2:4-5, 8-10 – philosophical living discouraged, faith demanded.
- ▶ I Corinthians 1:17, 20; 2:1-5 – preached Christ, not man's wisdom.

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Spiritual Success Requires Faith

- ▶ A failure of faith – Matthew 17:14-21
- ▶ A request for an increase of faith – Luke 17:5-6
- ▶ Romans 10:17 – faith comes from God's word.
- ▶ II Timothy 3:16-17 – God's word equips us to do His will.
- ▶ Ephesians 2:10; Romans 6:13 – We are God's instruments.

A Statement Of Unity With Christ

Knowing, but Not Knowing

- ▶ Such strength received “*through Christ*” involves more than mere knowledge of His will. It requires being united with Him in all things. It is allowing Christ to take over.
- ▶ Example: I Corinthians 8:1-3 – knows nothing.
- ▶ The strength needed to “*do all things*” is found when we let Christ take over our lives – Matthew 11:29; Galatians 2:20

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Unity with Christ is Essential (Philippians 4)

- ▶ Heavenly citizenship – 3:20-4:1
- ▶ Joy in matters pertaining to the Lord – (verse 4)
- ▶ Forbearance with others in anticipation of His coming – (verse 5)
- ▶ Prayerful living – (verses 6-7)
- ▶ Meditation on and doing the things of the Lord – (verses 8-9)
- ▶ Joy in spiritual matters of the Lord – (verses 10, 14-20)

A Statement Of Commitment To Christ

True Commitment is the Key

- ▶ Mark 8:34-37 – We must value the things of Christ above all else, even our own lives.
- ▶ **Jesus is essentially telling us to “put all your eggs in one basket.”**

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Paul Could Do because He Was Committed

- ▶ He was not a casual Christian.
- ▶ He counted all things loss to gain Christ – Philippians 3:7-8

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A Statement Of:

- ▶ Faith in Christ
- ▶ Unity with Christ
- ▶ Commitment to Christ

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- ▶ Hear the Word of God
 - ▶ Romans 10:8 – “But what does it say? **‘The word is near you**, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim)”
- ▶ Believe that Jesus is the Savior
 - ▶ Romans 10:11 – “For the Scripture says, **‘Everyone who believes in him** will not be put to shame.’”

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- ▶ Repent of your sins
 - ▶ Acts 3:19 – “**Repent** therefore, and turn again, **that your sins may be blotted out**”
- ▶ Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
 - ▶ Romans 10:10 – “For with the heart one believes and is justified, and **with the mouth one confesses** and is saved.”

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- ▶ Be immersed in water (baptized)
 - ▶ Acts 2:38 – “And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and **be baptized every one of you** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”
- ▶ Remain faithful
 - ▶ I Corinthians 15:1-2 – “... by which you are being saved, **if you hold fast** to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.”