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Philippians 4:13

A STATEMENT OF FAITH IN CHRIST

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

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Spiritual Success Requires Faith

- ❖ A faith failure – *Matthew 17:14-21*
- ❖ A request of an increase of faith – *Luke 17:5-6*
- ❖ *Romans 10:17* – faith comes from God's word.
- ❖ *2 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 UNIFICATION 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.
- ❖ EX: *1 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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Union with Christ is Essential (*Philippians 4*)

- ❖ Heavenly Citizenship – 3:20-4:1
- ❖ Joy in Matters Pertaining to the Lord – (v. 4)
- ❖ Forbearance with Others in Anticipation of His Coming – (v. 5)
- ❖ Prayerful Living – (vv. 6-7)
- ❖ Meditation On and Doing the Things of the Lord – (vv. 8-9)
- ❖ Joy in Spiritual Matters of the Lord – (vv. 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 our 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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