

Understanding the Bible

**The unfolding of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.**

Psalm 119:130

Review

Goals

- I. Grow in our knowledge of God
- II. Grow in our love for God

First Steps

- I. Holy Spirit
- II. Prayer

Observation

- I. Read, read, read!
- II. What does the text *say*?

Observation: Philippians 4:13

What does the verse say?

I can do all things
through Him who strengthens me.

Who wrote it?

Paul and Timothy

To whom was it written?

All the saints... in Philippi

What subject is discussed in the paragraph?

Contentment in every circumstance

Observation: Philippians 4:13

What other subjects are found in Philippians 4?

Stand firm in the Lord

Be of the same mind in the Lord

Rejoice in the Lord

Anxiety, prayer, peace of God

Mind set on godly things

Do the things you learned

The Philippians' giving was pleasing to God

Observation: Philippians 4:13

What prominent themes are found in Philippians?

Continual prayer

Joy, rejoicing

Abounding love, affection

Paul's circumstances, chains, possibility of death

Suffering for Christ's sake

The mind

Concern for others' interests

Humility

Observation/Interpretation: Philippians 4:13

What prominent themes are found in Philippians?

Jesus Christ is Lord

Confidence

Knowing Christ

Resurrection

What does the verse mean? What was Paul trying to communicate to the saints in Philippi?

Interpretation: Philippians 4:13

Paul wrote this letter to the believers in Philippi so that...

1. They would be encouraged to rejoice and to grow in their love
2. They would be prepared to suffer for Christ's sake
3. They would beware of pride
4. They would grow in their confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ

Interpretation

What does the text *mean*?

- I. What did the writer intend for the reader to understand or to do?
- II. What do we learn about God in this verse?
- III. What principle(s) do we find in this verse?