

Empowered to Rejoice in Everything

1. **We Must *Rejoice in Christ* Together in Every Situation!**

2. **How Can We Do This?!**

3. **We Must Both Receive & Share Resurrection Hope!**

CONCLUSION: This passage contains one of the most misunderstood and misapplied verses in the Bible. “*I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*” It is not a glib declaration of some imagined superhuman abilities, but relief in the freedom won in Christ’s resurrection that empowers us to rejoice in Christ together in every situation. It is the liberty found not in autonomy, but in submission to our good and loving God who has conquered death for us. It is the joy that enables martyrs to praise Christ with delight even as they face horrific deaths. Let us rejoice together in whatever our sovereign Lord brings us in the strength of Christ who went to the cross for the joy set before Him by His loving Father.

Second Corinthians 1:8-11

⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers *and sisters*, of our affliction which occurred in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, *beyond our strength*, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹ Indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not **trust** in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead, ¹⁰ who rescued us from so great a *danger of death*, and will rescue *us*, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, ¹¹ *if you also join in helping us through your prayers*, so that thanks may be given by many persons in our behalf for the favor *granted* to us through *the prayers of many*.

First Timothy 6:13-19

I direct you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you keep the commandment without fault or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which *He will bring about at the proper time*—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or *to set their hope* on the uncertainty of riches, *but on God*, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. ¹⁸ Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, *so that they may take hold of that which is truly life*.

Second Corinthians 5:17-19

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *this person is* a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all *these things* are from God, *who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation*, namely, that God was *in Christ reconciling the world to Himself*, not counting their wrongdoings against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

John 11:25-27

Jesus said to her, “*I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die*. Do you believe this?” She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have come to believe that *You are the Christ, the Son of God, and He who comes into the world*.”

Isaiah 26:19

Your *dead shall live*; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and *sing for joy!* For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.