



Monthly Memory Verse -November 2011

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strengtheneth me..***

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Publisher & Author Message

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Message from the publisher and author

Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes

Dale's Notes are provided as an encouragement to study the context from where the monthly memory verse was selected. It's my desire to provide some background information and practical understanding of some things, which I see within my own study of God's word. It's my hope through reading the notes; you will desire to study God's word in more detail.

Dale's Notes are only a layman's attempt to share the good news of our savior Jesus Christ through a monthly memory verse and the study of God's word in our daily walk with the Lord.

Brother in Jesus Christ,
Dale ☺
Dale A. Kaye

Message:

Thankfulness is an amazing word; it expresses gratefulness, gratitude for receiving a blessing or blessings. I'm specifically thinking of God who rains down his blessings on us daily. Unthankful is another word which is the opposite in its expression. To be unthankful is to be ungrateful and lack the gratitude towards God for what he has done for us, yes on every level for life. This Thanksgiving look to the Son of God who was given to sinful man for his redemption by the cross where the Son of God died to wash away our sins. Being grateful, being thankful cannot begin to express the great joy of a Christian in their savior Jesus for their salvation.

Prayer request:

***Shared Interests and Personal ***

(This is still true it's a need always)

Continue to pray with me in asking God for his help to provide a consistent format for The Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. I continue to ask your prayers and encouragement to serve in this way. Please, remember my family as we make changes in our lives to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you,
Dale

Quick Bio-glance

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Felix Manz

(c. 1498 – 5 January 1527)

was a co-founder of the original Swiss Brethren Anabaptist congregation in Zürich, Switzerland, and one of its first martyrs in its Reformation.

Manz was the son of a canon of Grossmünster church in Zürich. Though records of his education are scant, there is evidence that he had a liberal education, with a thorough knowledge of Hebrew, Greek and Latin. Manz became a follower of Huldrych Zwingli after he came to Zürich in 1519.

When Conrad Grebel joined the group in 1521, he and Manz became friends. They questioned the mass, the nature of church and state connections, and infant baptism.

After the Second Disputation of Zürich in 1523, they became dissatisfied, believing that Zwingli's plans for reform had been compromised with the city council.

Grebel, Manz and others made several attempts to plead their position. A public disputation was held with Zwingli on 17 January 1525. The council declared Zwingli the victor. After the final rebuff by the city council on 18 January, in which they were ordered to desist from arguing and submit to the decision of the council, and have their children baptized within eight days, the brethren gathered at the home of Felix Manz and his mother on 21 January.

Conrad Grebel baptized George Blaurock, and Blaurock in turn baptized the others. This made complete the break with Zwingli and the council, and formed the first church of the Radical Reformation. The movement spread rapidly, and Manz used his language skills to translate his texts into the language of the people, and worked enthusiastically as an evangelist.

Manz was arrested on a number of occasions between 1525 and 1527. While he was preaching with George Blaurock in the Grüningen region, they were taken by surprise, arrested and imprisoned in Zürich at the Wellenburg prison

Excution

On 7 March 1526, the Zürich council had passed an edict that made adult re-baptism punishable by drowning. On 5 January 1527, Felix Manz became the first casualty of the edict, and the first Swiss Anabaptist to be martyred at the hands of other Protestants. While Manz stated that he wished "to bring together those who were willing to accept Christ, obey the Word, and follow in His footsteps, to unite with these by baptism, and to leave the rest in their present conviction". At 3:00 p.m., as he was led from the Wellenburg to a boat, he praised God and preached to the people. A Reformed minister went along, seeking to silence him, and hoping to give him an opportunity to recant. Manz's brother and mother encouraged him to stand firm and suffer for Jesus' sake. He was taken by boat onto the River Limmat. His hands were bound and pulled behind his knees and a pole was placed between them. He was executed by drowning in Lake Zürich on the Limmat. His alleged last words were, "Into thy hands, O God, I commend my spirit." His property was confiscated by government of Zürich, and he was buried in the St. Jakobs cemetery.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Felix_Manz and <http://www.reformedreader.org/btinline.htm>

Theology Term

Iconoclasts

Iconoclasts (iconoclastic, iconoclasm)

Latin [iconoclastes], from Middle Greek [eikonoklastEs], meaning image destroyer. It has come to refer to someone who destroys religious images, or who attacks established beliefs or institutions.

In Christianity it means one who opposes any image or icon worship or reverence. Iconoclasts hold that such respect of graven images is contrary to biblical worship, and that the veneration thereof is strictly forbidden by the scriptures (Ex. 20:4), and a form of idolatry. <http://www.mountainretreat.org.net/faq/glossary.html#iconoclasts>

Adam Clarke's
Commentary on
the bible:

Php 4:13
I can do all things - It was not a habit which he had acquired by frequent exercise, it was a disposition which he had by grace; and he was enabled to do all by the power of an indwelling Christ. Through Him who strengtheneth me is the reading of some of the best MSS., versions, and fathers; the word Χριστου, Christ, being omitted.

John Gill's
Exposition of the
Entire Bible

"Php 4:13 I can do all things,.... Which must not be understood in the greatest latitude, and without any limitation; for the apostle was not omnipotent, either in himself, or by the power of Christ; nor could he do all things that Christ could do; but it must be restrained to the subject matter treated of: the sense is, that he could be content in every state, and could know how to behave himself in adversity and prosperity, amidst both poverty and plenty; yea, it may be extended to all the duties incumbent on him both as a Christian and as an apostle, as to exercise a conscience void of offence towards God and men; to take the care of all the churches; to labour more abundantly than others in preaching the Gospel; ..."

Dale's Notes

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

How can I say, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me.?"

The apostle Paul speaks of his life's circumstances which includes his understanding of his experiences in those circumstances. He speaks of his life as to suffering need or having plenty.

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.(Php 4:11-12)

When the Apostle speaks of "whatever situation" he is telling us he has learned the secret of being content and displays the faith that rest on God, who works all things together for good according to God's purpose, whether the circumstances look good or bad from a human perspective (*Rom 8:28*).

We find the above truths playing out in verses Phil 4:10-12 and then comes the smashing blow that wraps it all up in the celebrated statement "I can do all things through Christ/Him who strengthens me!

Paul lets the Philippians know he rejoices in God greatly, "Our Lord"; because of their concern for him but more so, he imparts the truth of what God has taught him as to how to live life by the providing strength through Christ, in every circumstance, in every situation for the glory God! This gives us a straight forward teaching that God is sovereign over all things. Therefore in knowing this truth it allows us to rest our faith in God who took care of Paul in every circumstance and will take care of you too.

Impossible and Possible things

To have an understanding of our memory verse you must have a belief in God! That is a belief in God through His only begotten Son! It requires true faith, not an intellectual grasp of things but a functioning, living, working faith in Him who is ever glorious in all His doing! Specifically, our faith requires a personal relationship and knowledge of the one who's infinite in power, ability and possesses the knowledge of all things to do as He pleases in you! It brings to mind what the angel Gabriel said to Mary, upon the message of the birth of our savior, concerning impossible things!

"Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God(Luk 1:34-35)."

Now don't miss this: *"For with God nothing shall be impossible (Luk 1:37)."* God doesn't need the assistance of man to accomplish the impossible; He does as he pleases as with the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. God fulfilled His word of prophecy concerning the virgin to bear a son with no assistance from man concerning the conception of our Lord. Our God chose not to work through the procreation process He created but moved beyond mankind's understanding of what they call science! It was a miraculous birth, a virgin birth by the over

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<http://southtexasba.com/dalenotes.aspx>

Albert Barnes**Notes on the bible:**

“Through Christ which strengtheneth me - See the notes at [Joh 15:5](#); Of the strength which Christ can impart, Paul had had abundant experience; and now his whole reliance was there. It was not in any native ability which he had; not in any vigor of body or of mind; not in any power which there was in his own resolutions; it was in the strength that he derived from the Redeemer. By that he was enabled to bear cold, fatigue, and hunger; by that, he met temptations and persecutions; and by that, he engaged in the performance of his arduous duties let us learn, hence:

(1) That we need not sink under any trial, for there is one who can strengthen us.

(2) That we need not yield to temptation. There is one who is able to make a way for our escape.

(3) That we need not be harassed, and vexed, and tortured with improper thoughts and unholy desires. There is one who can enable us to banish such thoughts from the mind, and restore the right balance to the affections of the soul. “...

Robertson's Word Picture

Php 4:13 I can do all things (*panta ischuo*). Old verb to have strength (*ischus*).

In him that strengtheneth me (*en toī endunamonti me*). Late and rare verb (in lxx) from adjective *endunamos* (*en, dunamis*). Causative verb to empower, to pour power into one. See same phrase in [1Ti 1:12 toī endunamosanti me](#) (aorist tense here). Paul has such strength so long as Jesus keeps on putting power (*dunamis*) into him.

showing power of the Most High, doing the impossible, bring salvation into the world for sinful mankind!

Yes, the birth of Christ is impossible, impossible for man but not with God! Hmmm, we've heard this too from Christ himself speaking to Peter regarding the salvation of God as to its working being of the Lord and not of men. *“But he said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.” Luk 18:27”*

Place your faith in the one who gives the strength

Our memory verse presses the believer not to believe in one's self in life's circumstances for we all failed, come short (*earthy expectations, goals, and achievements*). We come short with others and with God in things pertaining to life ([Rom 3:23](#)). We cannot establish the eternal things of God by human ingenuity or self effort. It's God's purpose and will which is being established by faith in His word, working through the power of God, demonstrated by His Holy Spirit, working in us who are cracked vessels of clay! Paul could do all things through Christ who strengthen him and he wanted the Philippians to know they too can do all things to the glory of God by the power which Jesus Christ himself would provided. This was said to ensure their hearts that God will bring success into any situation and a final completion in them as said in [Phil 1:6](#) *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

A look at application

Now what is it you are facing, wrestling with or sin you have committed or temptation you are amusing in your heart? Maybe its hardship, maybe its peace that is missing, love, loneliness, fear, a troubles soul, weakness, not knowing, God knows! This verse stands as your answer to face anything for Christ who will strengthen you for the events in your life. This is not the first time God has taught this truth. Let's quickly look at a place where the Lord taught this truth to Apostle Paul.

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2Co 12:7-, 10

This weakness is not an excuse by the apostle to leave his responsibility in serving Christ, nor is it an excuse for us to sin in light of such great salvation being worked out in each one of us who believe. A thousand time no but it's a call to faith in the One who make himself known through us who are so weak to do the impossible through the power of Christ concerning things of eternal good. I have in mind here the preaching of the gospel and its service. Yes our working with God to bring many into the kingdom of heaven by faith in our wonderful Lord and King who strengthens us for His Glory. Amen!

Prayer

Father in Heaven forgive our sinfulness and help us grasp the mighty working of your power in us through Christ Jesus. Yes, Lord in raising our savior Jesus Christ from the dead and seating him at your own right and he will come again. Help us to be about your heavenly work so we are not ashamed at His coming. Heavenly Father, thank you for your great love in sending your only son to save us. Thank you Lord Jesus for doing all things in saving us from our sins. Have mercy upon us Lord and grant strength so we are affective for the glory of the Father. Amen.