

To Live is Christ

21 For to me, to live is Christ.

Philippians 1:21 NKJV

FCI Faith Group Program

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PRACTICE RIGHTEOUSNESS

- To Live is Christ is to walk in the righteousness that God imputed upon us.
- **1 John 3:7 NKJV** "Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous."
- How do we practice righteousness? As believers, we learned that the righteousness of God was only imputed to us first by the faith of Jesus. Then, we believe in Him.
- **Galatians 2:16 KJV** "knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."
- Our justification/righteousness is by the faith of Christ.
- We did not accomplish it ourselves; it was counted to by simply **believing in the Lord Jesus.**
- **Philippians 3:9 NKJV** "and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith"
- Believe that you are now made the righteousness of God. As a result, you are practicing righteousness.
- It starts with hearing. Then, believing. Next, declaring or speaking that you are the righteousness of God. Finally, you will be walking and living in righteousness.
- Don't be a quitter, get deeper. Get deeper in the revelation that you already have.
- **Psalms 34:11-15 NKJV** "Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry."
- **Listen or hear the teaching.** It will affect the way we speak, and it will affect our lives.
- When do miracles happen? When did you receive the Spirit? "This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"
(Galatians 3:2, 5-6, NKJV)
- In this dark world, you need to know that you are not hopeless, you are not helpless, and you are not powerless.
- Because to Live is Christ. On our own, it is difficult and terrible but Christ living in us, we overcome!
- **Galatians 1:4 NKJV** "who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father"

We have been made the righteousness of God.

Hear and hear that you are the righteousness of God.

Believe that you are righteous.

Speak that you are righteous.

*This will cause you to walk righteous,
and live righteous.*

Practice righteousness.

Walk in the righteousness that God imputed upon us.

- This is an evil age we live in. Even believers experience some evil things. But we are not hopeless, helpless, or powerless.
- Jesus is our Blessed Hope. The Holy Spirit is our Helper. God gives us Resurrection power.
- What do we need? Hearing of faith. **Galatians 3:1-5 KJV**
- We begin by faith, we continue in faith, mature in faith, and live by faith.
- Hearing is powerful.
- Whose report shall you believe? The report of the Lord.
- We have been made the righteousness of God. **(Romans 4:22-25 NKJV)**
- You are righteous as He, Jesus, is righteous.
- **1 John 3:7 NKJV** “Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.”