

Church, to Live is Christ

21 For to me, to live is Christ.

Philippians 1:21 NKJV

FCI Faith Group Program

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1 JOHN SERIES – CHECKLIST (PART 2)

- Checklist of clarification:
 1. Mind your own business – This is a figure of speech and the context is the love of the brethren in **1 Thessalonians 4:9,11**. This means: *Huwag ninyong problemahin ang hindi ninyo problema*. Stay in peace. *Pwede ninyong tulungan pero hindi ninyo proproblemahin*. *Huwag magworry sa hindi ninyo problema*. *Pag hindi mo issue, stay out of it*.
 2. Tribulation saints – The Bible tells us that they were beheaded (physically). *Basta spirit sila, pero hindi sila naglalakad sa langit na may putol na bahagi sa kanila*.
 3. SOGIE Bill – Let us pray God's will be done. We do not judge the homosexuals. We do not judge any people whatever sin they may have. Remember, we love people just like God so loved the world. What is important is we bring them to the Lord Jesus, and guess what? They have a Savior. *Huwag mo na silang problemahin basta na kay Kristo sila*. *Kasi in truth, all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory*. *Pero may solusyon ang Diyos – si Kristo Hesus*.
 - Romans 1 lists all kinds of sins: Homosexuality, sexual immorality, murder, envy, covetousness, disobedience to parents. *Wala, lahat nagkasala*.
 - Romans 2 tells us if you judge others doing any of these sins, you judge yourself kasi *nagagawa mo rin*. One category lang 'yan.
 - But the solution to it all is **Romans 3:21-26** – Justified freely (*pinawalang-sala ng libre*). This sets you free from judgment and makes you switch to sharing the gospel of Christ which justifies all.
- Review: How did we become overcomers? By believing in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, not by anything you do or by doing good.
- And we remember that the same faith Jesus used to overcome the world is the same faith that Jesus gave us to overcome the world. (**John 16:33**)
- How do we know it was the faith of Jesus that overcomes the world? Well, we know at this point He hasn't finished His work. He hasn't died on the cross at this point. And yet you hear His faith, *sabi Niya*: "I have overcome the world." That is faith: Speaking those things which are not as though they were. *Nananampalataya siya na done deal na maski di pa siya nakarating sa cross*. That is faith.
- And this is the faith that we have. *Binigay Niya sa atin*. Though we haven't finished the race, *wala pa tayo sa finished line*, but our faith speaks: "We have overcome the world." How? By faith in the Son of God, Jesus Christ.
- **To the Church of Pergamos – Revelation 2:17**: Yes, we will still eat in heaven – hidden manna. And last week, we learned Jesus will give us to eat from the tree of life.
- **To the Church of Thyatira – Revelatio.n 2:25-29**: Jesus said, "keeps My works." Work *ni* Jesus. What is the works of Jesus? It is His finished work at the cross. (Ex. He paid for our sins, forgave us, perfected us by one sacrifice, redeemed us by His blood, made us children of God, kings and priests unto God, etc.) From A-Z, do not forget the works of Jesus (**Read Ephesians 1**). Just keep them in your heart. How? By believing. Faith *pa rin ni* Jesus. Keep them means believe them, keep them in your heart.
- **To the Church of Philadelphia – the love church. Revelation 3:10-13**: The Word of my patience – what is the Word of Jesus' patience? *Kaninong* patience? *Kay* Jesus, *hindi sa 'yo*.

- **2 Peter 3:9** – *Gusto ng Diyos lahat ay maligtas. Kaya go, FCI and share the gospel! Good news naman 'yan.* No condemnation. No lists of sin, only love and grace.
- **To the Church of Laodicea – Revelation 3:21-22:** How did Jesus overcome the world? By faith. *Tayo din,* we get to sit with Jesus on His throne by faith in Him.
- This is the same faith Jesus has given us and that is why we overcome the world as well. We are the Overcomers!
- This is our checklist of the effects of being an Overcomer in Christ (from last week in proper order):
 1. You will eat from the Tree of Life.
 2. You will not be harmed by the second death.
 3. You will eat of the hidden manna.
 4. You will be given a white stone with a new name written on it.
 5. You will be given power over the nations.
 6. You will receive the morning star.
 7. You will be clothed in white garments.
 8. Your name will not be blot out.
 9. Jesus will confess your name before God and His angels.
 10. You will be a pillar in the temple of God.
 11. Names of God, the Holy City, Jesus' new name will be written on you.
 12. Jesus grants you to sit with Him on His throne.
- Who gets this checklist? Those who have overcome!
- *Sino ang* overcomers? *Tayo!* We have overcome by believing in the Son of God!
- Faith in the Son of God is what saved us and what made us Overcomers.
- Live from the truth. See (imagination) and walk in your victory (reality). You have overcome the world!

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 and Jesus grants us to sit with Him on His throne.
 All these and more
 simply because we believed in Jesus, the Son of God!
 By faith, we have overcome the world!***