

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 3)

- How did we overcome the world? How did we become Overcomers? By faith in the Son of God, Jesus Christ.
- The verb participle of overcome is in the present. *Nikao* or *Nikon* – where Nike shoes brand came from, which means victorious, overcomer, conquering.
- Present verb participle means it is present and continuous or ongoing. We are presently overcoming and continually overcoming because we are Overcomers who have faith in the Son of God.
- How can we be sure of this? This is our Checklist #3 of witnesses.
- **1 John 5:6-13** – Yes, we continue to believe in the Son of God. The witnesses are both in heaven and on earth. The testimonies about Him are strong. *Matibay ang ebidensya*. Indisputable. *Walang makakatibag*.
- Verse 12 – life here is Zoe life – the God-kind of life; this is the life of God, the life of Christ.
- This is also the same life being referred to in **John 1:4** – No life of Jesus, no light. If you have the Life, you have the light. You have eternal life, you who believe in the Son of God.
- There must be at least two witnesses. (Ex: There's Philippine law and US law of at least two witnesses). Two witnesses rule – “Each of the witnesses must testify to the whole of the overt act; or, if it is separable, there must be two witnesses to each part of the overt act.”
- Remember, we also learned that if we are going to put blame or accuse a leader, there should be two to three witnesses.
- Regarding the Son of God, there are more than two witnesses. Two are good but there are six witnesses – (three times two sets).
- 3rd Checklist is the series of witnesses:
 1. Three in heaven:
 - a. Father
 - b. The Word
 - c. The Holy Spirit
 2. Three on earth:
 - a. Spirit
 - b. Water – the Word
 - c. Blood
- These three agree as one that Jesus was God. He came in the flesh and died when His blood poured on the cross.
- *Matibay ang testimonya*. *Matibay ang* witnesses. And they all agree. They are one.
- The words “testimony” or “witness” are the same words in Greek: “Martyreo”. In *Tagalog*, “*saksi o patotoo*.”
- We were not there physically to witness Jesus in heaven and on earth, but the Spirit who indwells us was there.
- The Water:
 1. By Birth (water) – The Word of God writes about Him. The Scripture prophesied about Him and testified about Jesus.
 2. Blood – the blood of Jesus poured on the cross. The blood speaks. Just like the blood of Abel cries, “Justice!”, the blood of Jesus cries, “Justified.” Take advantage of the blood of Jesus.

- In heaven and on earth, there are witnesses of Jesus, the Son of God.
- If we receive the witness of man, much more we should receive the witness of God.
- The witness of God is greater than man. *Ang patotoo ng Diyos ay higit sa tao.*
- How easy we believe the witness of people. *Kung ang tao pinaniniwalaan, bakit ayaw paniwalaan ang testimony o patotoo ng Diyos?* God's witness is greater than man.
- It is God who gives witness about His Son, and yet many people do not believe that God has a Son and He is the Christ.
- If they do not believe this, they make God a liar. God is not man that He should lie.
- Jesus, who is the Word, is the Truth. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Jesus is not a truth. He is THE TRUTH.
- The Holy Spirit leads us to all Truth.
- *Napakaimportante ng believing the truth.* The greatest miracle happened to you when you believed the Truth, who is Jesus. You can testify to that. *Saksi kayo sa pagbabago ng buhay ninyo.* You received eternal life. You became a child of God.
- God has given us this testimony that He has given us eternal life. You will not have eternal life. YOU ALREADY HAVE.
- How? Through His Son. Because Jesus, His Son is the Life. If you have the Son, then you have ETERNAL life in you.
- **John 11:25-26** – If you believe in Jesus then you shall never die. You live continually because you have eternal life. Jesus in us is eternal life!
- We believe this because we have the witness in us, who is the Holy Spirit.
- Though you may die in the physical, but you will not die a spiritual death. You continue to live in the Spirit through the eternal life you have in Christ Jesus.
- That is why we do not fear death. To live is Christ, to die is gain.
- God testifies! No worries for I am going to heaven, to God, to Jesus!
- God testifies this truth to us. Why be afraid?
 1. *Ang Diyos ang testigo, ang nagpatotoo.*
 2. It is Written in the Word. The Word testifies to this.
 3. The Holy Spirit in us witnesses to us that it is the truth!
- God our Father is telling us today, you, who believe in the Son of God, have eternal life. You will never die! That is our assurance!

***We, who believe in the Son of God, Jesus Christ,
 have eternal life – the life of Jesus.
 The Holy Spirit Himself testifies to us today.
 He is in us, the Witness dwells in us.
 Whether in heaven or on earth,
 there are witnesses of Jesus, the Son of God.
 And God's witness is greater than man's.
 The checklist for everyone then is:
 Do you believe this?
 Do you believe Jesus Christ?
 If you do, you shall never die.
 You shall live for you have eternal life!
 Jesus in you is eternal life!
 God Himself testifies!
 It is written in the Word of God.
 And the Holy Spirit in us witnesses that it is the truth.
 Therefore, we continue to believe in the Son of God,
 Jesus Christ, our eternal life.
 The testimonies about Him are strong. Truly indisputable.***