

# 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 – THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE

- **1 John 5:14-17** – As believers, our confidence is not in ourselves, it is in God.
- **1. Our confidence is in Him.**
- It lies in God not in ourselves. Not in our good behavior, not how strong we are in avoiding sin or reading the bible. But it is all based on God – on His character and virtue, His goodness and faithfulness.
- Thank God, *ang basehan ay ang kabutihan Niya.*
- Whether our prayer was answered or not, *tapat ang Panginoon.* Our Father knows best.
- **2. Our confidence is in His will. If it's according to His will, the Bible tells us: "God hears our prayers."**
- What is God's will? Illustration: Check the menu of a restaurant to know what you can order. We cannot ask what is not in the will or menu.
- So, the question is: *Ang hinihiling ninyo ba ay nasa menu ng Diyos? Hindi natin pwedeng hilingin kapag wala sa kalooban ng Diyos.* Ask according to His will, not contrary to it.
- What is the will of God?
- The will of God is Jesus! Everything that Jesus is, what He paid for, what He stands for, is God's will for us.
- That we know Jesus is the will of the Father. (**Matthew 7:21-23**)
- Key: "I never knew you" – this does not refer to us for we know Jesus because we believe Jesus.
- **John 1:12** – whoever receives Him, they are given the right to become children of God. Not only does the Father and Jesus know us, we have a relationship with Him.
- **A. Salvation – Jesus is our Salvation. All inclusive – good health, safety, protection, healing.**
- There is no other name under heaven given by which we must be saved. Salvation is found in Jesus.
- It is the Greek word "*Soteria*", a noun, usually translated 'salvation' is the same word that is also translated as 'healing.' This word *soteria* and its related verb "*sozo*" (to save, to heal), retained its meaning through antiquity. It simply referred to freedom from both physical danger and the effects of sin. Salvation, deliverance, healing, and restoration. Including provision in life. Jesus made us rich already. Speak you are rich! Speak you are healed! Speak you are safe and restored!
- Jesus and every good thing that He accomplished for us at the cross – this is the will of God.
- **1 Timothy 2:4** – God desires all men to be saved (*sozo*).
- **John 6:4** – everyone who sees and believes the Son may have everlasting life.
- Yes, we can pray for safety, protection, healing, and provision.
- We have confidence He hears us, and we have the petitions we asked for.
- **B. Sanctification**
- **1 Thessalonians 4:3-4** – Not just sexual immorality but also not taking advantage of others; do good, no to uncleanness; include brotherly love, lead a quiet life, mind your own business, work with your own hands, walk properly to those who are outside.
- Our holiness, being separated from the world, and separated from works of the world is God's will.
- We can pray for strength to say no to sin, pray for mercy and grace in times of need. Pray in times of weakness or in troubled times.
- Come to the throne of grace. Run to the Lord not away from the Lord.
- **C. For us to Rejoice and Give Thanks**
- Rejoice = joy again. Repeat. Joy again and again, rejoice always! *Gusto ni Lord, lagi kang masaya.*
- Give thanks *dahil hinihiling mo palang ay nasa iyo na!*

- **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** – Rejoice and pray with thanksgiving for yourself, others, authorities, leaders, for all men.
- Pray without ceasing = talking with the Father.
- *Huwag nating lagyan ng kisame ang Panginoon.* Ask all you want! Unli! *Lahat basta* will ni Lord, *hiling lang ng hiling.* *Hindi Siya nasasagad.*
- So we can enjoy life, give thanks to the Lord!
- *Hindi kalooban ng Diyos na maghirap ang tao.* *Naghirap na si Hesus para hindi na tayo mag-suffer.*
- Be free. Jesus' poverty at the cross has set us free from poverty. Just believe the perfect timing of the Lord.
- *Huwag kang mawawalan ng pag-asa dahil ang kumpiyansa mo ay nasa Diyos na tapat at mabuti.*
- *Lahat kaya Niya kahit hindi mo kaya.*
- *Kalooban ng Diyos na lagi tayong masaya.* Rejoice always!
- *Naipanalo na ni Kristo ang lahat.* Rejoice at all times! Enjoy His finished work. Give thanks for everything He has provided.
- He hears us. *Kung nasa menu ang hinihiling natin,* He hears us, our prayers and declaration. Not because we are good but because of who He is and it is His will.
- God hears us. Jesus paid for all and is interceding for us. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray.
- So do you think we will fail? Not a chance. We should be so confident that we have the petitions we asked for.
- God's will are all good. Do you agree? So if our prayer is not answered, could it be that we asked amiss? (**James 4:3**)
- The word pleasure here is actually lust – *pita ng laman/flesh,* evil.
- You did not get what you asked for because you might have asked wrongly. Or maybe what you asked for is not the best. God has the best answer.
- If God already knows even before I ask, then why pray? First, because Jesus tells us so – pray to the Father.
- Prayer is depending on God. Our life is not to be "*sariling sikap*" *kaya mahirap.* Our life should be full dependence on God – *sa lahat ng gagawin, kasama natin si Lord.*
- *Huwag nating ipilit magpawis-steering* (life without God) *dahil meron namang power-steering* – the power of God.
- Bakit magaan? Kasi done deal na! Paid by Jesus.
- Done deal na in the spirit and the Spirit is in us today.
- **2 Peter 1:3** – All things for life – physical, material life. *Buhay na ginagalawan natin.* *Pagkain,* protection, supply, *kasuotan, ginhawa.* Paid and given! Godliness: Sanctification, redemption, wisdom, all spiritual gifts. And we just speak it into the physical realm.
- When you pray, say. Speak it out.
- Praying is saying what you believe. (**Luke 11:12**)
- Believing and saying – **Mark 11:22-24**
- We are children of God and God our Father through Jesus, is teaching us how to do it: Believe and say.
- Speaking is how God created things. (**Genesis 1**) In the spirit realm everything is already available. And to manifest it in the physical, we are just speaking what we believe. We speak because we believe. (**2 Corinthians 4:13**)
- Just speak it out, the Holy Spirit in us has it all.

*Knowing that our confidence is in God  
 who is good and faithful,  
 we can pray, ask, speak out, declare  
 and we have the petitions we asked for.  
 Our confidence is in His will  
 and when we ask for every good thing  
 that Jesus paid for us at the cross,  
 we know that He hears us, and we receive what we believe.  
 Thus, we can rejoice and give thanks!  
 Jesus already won it all for us  
 so we can rejoice at all times!  
 We can enjoy His finished work  
 and give thanks for everything He has provided.  
 When we pray, we say. We speak because we believe.  
 We fully depend on God because our confidence is in Him!*