

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 – WE ARE DEAD TO SIN

- **1 John 5:18** – We know that whoever is born of God does not sin.
- *Ang gulo ba ni John?* Last time we learned if a brother is sinning – so believers still sin. Clearly, *may mga pagkakataon* believers sin. Not recommendable. Not being encouraged but it happens sometimes.
- But in The Passion Translation this verse says, we do not make sinning a way of life.
- So we do not make sin our lifestyle. We do not live in it anymore. We are dead to sin.
- Declare: “I hate sin.”
- Sometimes we do fall into it, but we are no longer called sinners. We are saints.
- **1 John 2:1-2** – If anyone sins.. If = *kung sakali* (not when or *kapag* which is expected).
- If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins – the sacrifice that satisfies.
- He maintains us. His grace keeps us righteous.
- Declare: “I am a spirit, I am a soul, and I live in a physical body.”
- Our spirit is born of God. Our soul is the mind, will, and emotion. Then there is flesh which has fleshly desires. It is self-centered, not God-centered, or others-centered. We can see it even in babies, it is innate.
- The flesh, when you get born again, *nawawala* by the renewing of the mind.
- Example: *May mga Kristiyano na very fleshly* – Then disciple them. Each one, teach one.
- Until residue *na lang* or areas *na lang na hindi na-dideal*.
- The solution to the flesh is the renewing of the mind by the Word of God.
- Another way to understand this is: We do not sin, born again children of God, because we are not under the law.
- We received the gift of no condemnation.
- Your sin is not listed anymore – it’s all been paid and done away with.
- We have immunity, perfect immunity. (Example: Diplomat)
- In the same manner, we are Ambassadors for Christ.
- Sin here is the word *Hamartano* (verb form of *Hamartia*) – to miss the mark. It also means to wander from the law of God.
- We do not miss the mark anymore. Jesus is the mark. We are in the mark. We are in Christ. Jesus is the mark.
- We do not wander from the law anymore, the law is written in our hearts.
- We believers, born of God are under grace not under the law.
- We are children of God led by the Holy Spirit not by the law.
- What we need is knowledge and believing in the knowledge.
- **Galatians 5:18** – Declare: “I am led by the Spirit, I am a child of God, I am not under the law.”

*Child of God, do not fear.
God so loved you.
He has given you His only begotten Son, Jesus.
Come before Him and ask.
Ask!
Do not let your heart condemn you.
God is greater than your heart
and He does not condemn you at all.
We are dead to sin
but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
So come boldly to the throne of grace and ask!
And whatever we ask we receive from Him.*

- **Romans 6:1-14** – We are not encouraging sin. But it is still possible *na magkasala*, that is your flesh, the unrenewed mind giving in. But see yourself dead to sin. Let that be a revelation. Anyway, *hindi naman binibilang ang kasalanan mo*. Paid *na*. Do not let sin reign over you. Do not let your body be used for sin, *maski anong bahagi – bibig, isip, kamay, paa, katawan*. Why? Because you are dead to sin. Sin has no power over you because we are under grace. So use your body for righteousness.
- Declare: “I am dead to sin. I do not live in it. *Binago na ako ni Lord.*”
- As far as God is concerned, your body of sin is already dead. Reckon or see yourselves dead to sin.
- Application: If you know that God has forgiven you through the finished work of Jesus, and He does not condemn you, then you should not condemn yourself. And when you do not condemn yourself, you are bold before the Lord. You can come to Him with boldness.
- **1 John 3:21-22** – Having this confidence toward God, we can ask. And whatever we ask (re: marriage, finances, business, health, relationship) we receive from Him.