

To Live is Christ

21 For to me, to live is Christ.

Philippians 1:21 NKJV

FCI Faith Group Program

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THE FINISHED WORK OF THE CROSS

- For the Apostle Paul, the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most important thing.
- Focusing on Jesus and what He has done – *ito ay nagbibigay sa atin ng pag-asa, kalakasan, kapahingahan dahil ito ay tinapos na.*
- The cross is God’s master plan not His afterthought.
- We are so blessed we are planted in a local church, FCI, receiving Jesus and His finished work.
- **1 Corinthians 15:1-8** – Paul delivered the gospel first of all.
- Pastor Mike Bunye: “Life is meaningless without the Word of God.”
- That is why it is important to have somebody expounding the Word to us.
- Even Jesus, after He rose from the grave, preached the Scriptures, expounding about Himself. (The Walk to Emmaus in **Luke 24:25-27**) The Word is all about Jesus.
- *Kaya hanapin natin sa Word si Hesus at ang Kaniyang tinapos na gawa, hindi yung ating magagawa.*
- We must read the Word “cross-eyed” (with the lens of the cross).
- *Anong magdadala sa ‘yo sa tagumpay?* It is the revelation of Jesus and His finished work.
- We must rely on Jesus in every area of our life because He will bring us success. He wants us to depend on Him.
- For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. So whatever circumstance you have in life, always declare the finished work of Jesus.
- Declare: “I know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- Put priority on the Word of God.
- **1 Corinthians 15:8** – last of all, which is the Apostle Paul. We can see his humility. And for him, the Word is greater than testimonies of men.
- The Word will reveal to you Jesus and what He has done.
- **Luke 24:27-32** – Our hearts are burning for Jesus every time we talk about the Scriptures.
- **1. We need to preach the Gospel.**
- Every time the gospel is preached, signs and wonders happen.
- God has the power to move in your life.
- **Romans 1:16** – Wherever Christ is mentioned (*Kristos*), it talks about Him and His finished work.
- The gospel is the power of God unto salvation.
- Everyday we are needing salvation. The gospel will save you from that sickness, financial trouble, relationship problem. We need the gospel.
- Do not live by what you see or feel, walk by faith. The just shall live by faith.
- The preaching of the gospel reveals to us the righteousness of God.
- *Lumakad tayo sa pananampalataya araw-araw.*
- *Hindi tayo dapat tumigil sa pakikinig ng Salita ng Diyos.*
- **Romans 10:17** – Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. (*Huwag kang magsasawa.*)
- The greatest gift is righteousness. (**2 Corinthians 5:21**) *Ginawa kang katuwiran ng Diyos.*
- For in Him, we live, move, and have our being. (**Acts 17:28**)
- **2. We are not ashamed of the Gospel.**
- **1 Corinthians 15:1** – We stand on the Gospel, the Word.
- We are not pleasers of men because we know God is already pleased with us. So we do not receive anything that is not aligned to the Word of God.

- **1 Corinthians 15:2** – We are preserved because of the preaching of the gospel, being reminded of Jesus and His finished work.
- Ex. Communion – every time we do it, we declare everything that Jesus has done on the cross.
- We are preserved every time we are reminded.
- It is finished (Greek – *Tetelestai*) – the debt has been cancelled, the sentence has been fully served, the battle has been fully won.
- The highest place to be is being seated with Christ at the right hand of the Father. (**Ephesians 2:4-6**) It is the best position we can ever have.
- **Romans 5:1** – Today, you are justified (made righteous) (Greek – *dikaiōsis*) – the act of God declaring free from guilt and acceptance to Him.
- The moment we believed Jesus, we were justified by faith.
- We were made completely complete and perfectly perfect.
- His resurrection is our assurance that we are fully justified. Justice is now on our side.
- The battle has been fully won. *Tapos na ang giyera.*
- The devil has been defeated already. *Ikaw ay mananagumpay na!*
- Rest in the already finished work of Jesus than doing things on your own strength and ability.
- We do not work trusting ourselves. We work trusting in the Lord.