

# 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 – 4KEEPS

- 4Keeps means forever. We are for keeps, *pang* forever.
- Review: We are dead to sin, alive to God. Living in the newness of life. And our life reflects Christ Jesus. To live is Christ because of His grace in our lives.
- Grace is divine inspiration in the heart, and it is reflected in our lives.
- Grace, therefore, is an outward, visible, tangible reflection of God in your life. *Nakikita yan sa buhay natin* as we reflect God's grace.
- **1 John 5:18 The Passion Translation** – We are convinced that everyone fathered by God does not make sinning a way of life, because the Son of God protects the child of God, and the Evil One cannot touch him.
- Jesus is the one who keeps us. Jesus protects us.
- **1. Keep yourself in the perfect love of God.**
- **Jude 1:21** – Look for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. This means the penalty due was not given to us.
- The key is to focus on the mercy of our Lord, and you are keeping yourself in His love.
- Declare: “Thank you, Jesus, you paid for all our debt. You paid for all our sins.”
- **1 John 4:16-19** – We have boldness in the day of judgment. Perfect love casts out fear.
- The key is to know and believe in His love for us and you keep yourself in His Love.
- When we keep ourselves in the love of God and His commands, to love one another is not burdensome to us. The enemy's plans are foiled. He cannot touch you.
- Focus on God's love for you so the enemy cannot sway you.
- Application: Focus on the love of God for you in times when you feel unloved. You are still able to love others because you focus on His love for you.
- **2. Keep yourself in the truth.**
- **1 John 5:20** – Jesus gives us understanding.
- You are not swayed by the enemy by keeping yourself in the truth. Jesus is the truth. He is the true God and eternal life.
- Application: *Maski anong sabihin sa iyo ng tao, kapitabahay, kamag-anak, boss, in laws o ng kaaway, say, “I know the truth.”* If you know the truth, *hindi ka madadaya* or *ma-ooffend*.
- *Sino ang kaaway?* Not flesh and blood – **Ephesians 6:11-12**.
- The whole armor of God that you put on is the Word. The Word is truth.
- Use the sword of the spirit. Meaning, speak the Word, *hindi sa tao na kaaway mo kundi sa spirit* behind your enemy. And make the enemy flee. He is already defeated.
- Your value or worth is not based on what people say about you, it is solely based on what God says about you.
- Keep the truth.
- The praises and opinion of God about you are always good, and it never changes.
- There is one truth that everybody should know – about gender. Know the truth and the truth will set you free.
- **Matthew 19:4** – *So kung gender ang pag-uusapan, the truth is, dalawa lang ang gender: Male (man) and female (woman or wombed man).* This is the truth. Other than this is man's invention or opinion.
- There is no 3<sup>rd</sup> sex or 4<sup>th</sup> sex.
- **Matthew 19:5** – The man who is male, shall cleave to his wife, a female.

- Look at your body and that is the truth – you are either a male or a female if you have a womb.
- What you feel and your opinion is not the truth. Your feelings is not your gender.
- These thoughts come from the devil. *Ang importante, alam mo ang katotohanan.*
- Sexual thoughts for the same sex are from the devil. Rebuke it.
- Sexual relation is reserved for your spouse who is of the opposite sex.
- LGBTQIRSTWXYZ... *bakit dumami na?* That happens kasi man allowed their own thinking and not honoring God and His truth.
- Regardless of how you feel, keep the truth.
- It's okay to love your best friend but not in a sexual way.
- Ex. John the beloved towards Jesus.  
David and Jonathan's friendship.
- There is nothing wrong with loving a friend strongly, fervently. God loves us all that way – intense, passionate. But the sexual part is the perversion of the enemy.
- We are in fact to love one another as Jesus has loved us.
- Everyone gets tempted by the devil in many ways. Temptation is common to man. *Ang tanong, magpapadaya ka ba?*
- Reference: **Romans 1:18-28.**
- The truth that you know will set you free.
- Recognize God and keep the truth, and you will not fall into this deception of the enemy.
- God loves you just the same with all your messes.
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