

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 (PART 2)

- **3. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.**
- **1 John 5:21** The Passion Translation – Guard yourselves from worshiping anything but Him.
- We only worship God, nothing else, no one else. Keep yourself from idols. Because there is only one true God and He is Jesus.
- God is one. He came in the flesh to do the will of the Father, that is why He is called Jesus or *Yeshua*. *Yeshua* means “*Yhwh is Salvation.*”
- He is called the Son of God. The perfect action of any son is to do the will of the father.
- Because God is spirit, He can be anywhere. He can be in Heaven and on earth at the same time.
- That is why when Jesus resurrected and seated at the right hand, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to each one who believes. The Holy Spirit is in you, in me, in the US, in Africa, in all the earth. God and Jesus in us because that is what being the Almighty God means. He is powerful.
- That is why all glory, honor and power belongs to Him alone. Literally belongs to Him alone.
- There is none like our God.
- And when Jesus, was raised by God, by Himself, and seated at the right hand of God, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, His own Spirit to us. God is one and yet He is everywhere. Omnipresent, All Present; Omniscient, All Knowing; Omnipotent, All Powerful. He alone is worthy to be praised!
- To worship anything else is foolishness.
- We, Christians, do not worship saints *dahil mga tao lang sila, hindi Diyos.*
- We have Jesus. He is our advocate and intercedes for us. *Wala ng hihigit sa Kanya.* He is more than enough.
- We also do not pray to angels. They minister or serve us. When we speak the Word, angels go to action. Angels are put to action upon our declaration of the Word of God.
- We only worship God. God the Father, God the Son Jesus, who came in the flesh, died on the cross and who rose from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of God.
- Jesus is no longer on the cross. The tomb is empty. He has risen. He is alive forevermore!
- Now, this is a reminder – for fangirls or fanboys. Guard yourself from *sobrang pagworship sa singers, artista; sa bf, gf, yung iba naman sa trabaho, bahay, lupa, material things, sa mga uso ngayon* and lifestyle, *sobrang* lovelife is idolatry.
- Who are we to worship? Only Jesus.
- Huwag gawing buhay ang *jowa o asawa. Huwag ibigay ang pag-ibig sa Diyos sa iba. Ang first love natin ay si Lord.* He loved us first.
- Let’s check our lifestyle or lovelife. How do we know if it’s idolatry? *Lahat ng oras mo ibibigay mo sa idol.* You forget God. You replace God.
- By too much time spent on these people and things, we are amused, entertained; our minds are preoccupied with things that don’t mean anything so that we don’t have the time to learn what the truth is. Walang eternal value.
- On the other hand, we must occupy until the Lord comes. Occupied means doing something valuable or productive.
- We are so amused or entertained, we forget God. *Nananakaw ang soulish area.*
- Well, saved *ka pa rin.* But what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?

- The whole world is under the sway of the wicked one. We are wasting time instead of searching the truth which is of eternal value.
- The wicked one has bombarded the world with the non-essentials that people are destroying themselves without even knowing it. Self-destructing because the enemy has captured their thinking. But not you! Even this message is God's loving wake up call to keep ourselves from idols in different forms. This is Jesus keeping us.
- Only Jesus, the one true God and eternal life is worthy of all our attention and worship.
- There are many idols now, not just money or fame, it also comes in technology and entertainment. If it gets the better of you, do something about it.
- Other things will pull you away from God. Keep yourself from idols *sabi ni John*. Wake up those who are blinded by the idols.
- Do not worship the creature or creation. Worship the Creator.
- Our source of life is God. We will struggle in life if we are taken away from God. Our life is Jesus Christ.
- Worship God and let the grace of God be reflected in your life *para magpasalamat ang tao*. This is one of the effects of grace. Purpose of Grace: **2 Corinthians 4:15** – for all things are for your sakes that grace having spread through the many may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.
- Let us reflect the love, the truth, and let us worship the only one true God, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- In all these warnings, say: "I am protected. Jesus protects me."
- **4. God keeps us in His hands.**
- We are secure *at hindi tayo pababayaang*. Nor can anyone pluck us out of His hands.
- We are forever in the hands of God.
- *Lahat tayo* we have our weaknesses. But God knows your struggles, and He loves you just the same. All of you! He is not letting you go!
- *Tandaan natin, hawak Niya tayo sa Kanyang mga kamay. Ano man ang kahinaan mo, Siya ang kalakasan mo. Ano man ang nagawa mo, Siya ang Kaligtasan mo. Ano man ang kamalian mo, Siya ang Protector mo. Lumayo ka man, Siya ang Keeper mo. Hindi ka man maging tapat, Siya ay laging tapat sa ating lahat.*
- His grace is enough for us. He is for us, He is not against us.
- You are accepted by God, simply because you put your trust in Him. Simply because you believed in His Son Jesus and confessed Him as Lord. We are free from sin and the condemnation of sin. We are made righteous in spite of our weaknesses. We belong to Jesus and He protects us forever.
- **1 John 5:18 TPT** – the Son of God protects the child of God. We are God's. We belong to God. *Pag-aari tayo ng Diyos. Tayo ay mga anak Niya dahil kay Hesus.*
- **Jude 1:24-25** – "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen."

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