

To Live Church, is Christ

21 For to me, to live is Christ.

Philippians 1:21 NKJV

FCI Faith Group Program

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FATHER'S DAY

- How do you describe a good father? The best example of course is our Perfect Father in Heaven.
- **Matthew 3:16-17** – And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”
- We can learn so much from the Father God's display of love for His Son, Jesus.
- *Kapag alam mo kung gaano kamahal ng Diyos Ama si Hesus, alam mo na rin kung gaano ka kamahal ng Diyos.*
- And because of our identity with Jesus, *alam natin* we are loved by the Father as much as He loved His Son, Jesus.
- **John 17:22-23** – God loved us as much as God loved Jesus. *Kaya nga si Hesus ang pinambayad para tayo ay maligtas. Ganun tayo kamahal ng Ama.* Jesus is our worth.
- When Jesus was baptized, God opened the heavens to Him, His Son. God also:
- **1. Opened the heavens to us.**
- We now live under an open Heaven today as believers. In fact, everything was given to us as gifts with Jesus Christ. (**Romans 8:32** – ...also freely give us all things with Jesus)
- Without Jesus, riches/power/fame can destroy you. *Gusto ng Diyos Ama na nasa ‘yo ang lahat pero bago yan, nasa ‘yo muna dapat si Hesus.*
- From God, every good thing is free, every good and perfect gift.
- There is no longer separation between God and man because Jesus brought us near. (**Ephesians 2:13**)
- We are already close to the Father through the blood of Christ.
- We are brought close. So close, we are in union with the Father.
- **2. God was present with His Son in Spirit.**
- Fathers, your presence to your children is very important.
- Realize the confidence you give your children when they see you.
- Jesus after being baptized, saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him. At 30 years of age, He was going to go into ministry, and God manifested His own spirit and Jesus saw the Spirit like a dove. Do you think that made Jesus so happy? For sure!
- Just like you today, if you are a believer of Jesus Christ, fathers, and brethren, believers of Christ, the Holy Spirit has descended from Heaven to rest in us and on us. We are now the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. Never leaving or forsaking us.
- We may not see the Holy Spirit with our own eyes but the Word is our proof – **Galatians 4:6**.
- The reason we can call Him Father is because we have the Spirit of Jesus in us saying, “Abba Father.”
- We have a Father who is ever present in our lives.
- **3. God spoke well of His Son – A voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”**
- Nothing makes a child more confident than when he/she hears his/her father is proud of him/her.
- *Kapag confident, di kayang i-bully.* They come up strong and can defend themselves.
- *Mga tatay, iparinig ninyo* how you are well pleased with your children.
- The words of the Father about His Son Jesus is that the Father is well pleased with His Son.

- Of course, ultimately our confidence comes from the Father God. But fathers are there so that good fathers can point to the Father God.
- Fathers, point your children to our Father God. Teach them to trust Him.
- As you are a good example of a father, it will make their relationship with the Father easier as well.
- And to think Jesus at this point has not done any miracle or ministry yet. *Wala pang nagagawa si Jesus*, well pleased *na sa Kanya si* Father God.
- We, like Jesus, are loved by the Father too. Well pleased is the Father with us not for the things that we do or not do but for who we are in Christ Jesus.
- Declare: "I am my Father's favorite, I am highly favored all because I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ."
- *Ikaw palang sapat na. Ikaw palang, nalulugod na ang Panginoon.* Just as you are enough, well pleased *na si* Lord *sa yo*.
- Because you are well pleasing to the Father, you will also do well pleasing things.
- So fathers, the Father God is our good image of what a good good father is.
- 1. The Father is close to us.
- 2. The Father makes His presence seen.
- 3. The Father is pleased with His children.
- Benefits:
 - 1. When you are close to your children, they learn from you.
 - 2. When you make your presence seen, they respect you.
 - 3. When you are pleased with your children, they know they are loved.
- *Tingin lang tayo sa ating Diyos Ama.* As you are able to receive His love, you can also express the same love to your children.

***Our Father God is the best example
of a perfect and good Father.
How much does He love us?
He loved us as He loved His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
And as He is well pleased with Jesus,
He is also well pleased with us, fathers and brethren.
We are close to Him and He is ever present in our lives.
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Ikaw palang, nalulugod na ang Panginoon.
Just as you are enough, well pleased na si Lord sa 'yo.
Because you are well pleasing to the Father,
you will also do well pleasing things.
We praise Him for He is our Father in Heaven
who shows us the way!
Happy Father's Day!***