

To Live is Christ

21 For to me, to live is Christ.

Philippians 1:21 NKJV

FCI Faith Group Program

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BOOK OF PETER (PART 2) – THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION

- We saw through Peter that every failure, weakness, and sin was met by the grace of God.
- We are being taught about the grace of God because grace teaches us denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age. **(Titus 2:12)**
- *Ang grace ng Diyos ang bahala sa atin na iayos tayo.* We depend on Christ alone. In Christ alone, we put our trust. *Dahil kapag si Lord, it's effective and eternal.*
- *Kapag sa Diyos tayo umasa, ayos ang lahat.*
- Holiness is dependent on God's work not ours. You cannot do anything to make yourself holier than how God has already made you holy.
- So rest in the finished work of Jesus. You are the finished work of Jesus. Finished! Done deal!
- Just let our good Shepherd lead you to green pastures and still waters.
- Relax, you are in green pastures.
- Let go! Let God! *Laging tama si Lord.*
- Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. **(Psalm 34:8)**
- Cast all your cares upon the Lord.
- *Pwedeng mag-relax* because we are already elects of God. We are chosen.
- Relax, *tiwala lang sa Diyos.* We already read the end of the book of Revelation. We made it! And we are elected/chosen according to God's foreknowledge. *Sigurado na tayo.*
- Election based on the Bible: **1 Peter 1:1-2** – To the pilgrims = to the elect.
- Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.
- Elect – Greek word *ek-lek-tos'*. It is from the Greek word *Eklegomai* – chosen. It means select; *pinili*, by implication favorite.
- Declare: "I am God's favorite."
- *Tayo ay mga pinili, hinirang ng Diyos.*
- Did God choose me, or did I choose the Lord? The answer is both.
- *Lahat ng elect o mga hinirang o mga pinili ay chosen by God and predestined.*
- Election is all about trusting God. If you don't trust God, *ayaw mo yung* idea ng election. Many people are against election and that shows they don't trust God.
- But in truth, whatever God does is good. *Sino tayo para magquestion sa Diyos kung ano ang gagawin Niya? (Romans 9:20)*
- People think there is no freewill involved in the doctrine of Election. In understanding the doctrine of Election, the key is to remember God honors the freewill of man.
- From Genesis to Revelation, the truth of man's freewill is consistent.
- Foreknowledge – before it happens, *alam na ni Lord.*
- We have foreknowledge now from the Book of Revelation, about rapture, New Jerusalem, etc.
- *Bakit kay Peter binigay ang doctrine of Election?* Because he experienced foreknowledge when Jesus told him that he will deny Him before the rooster crows.
- Every word of God is important.
- *Hinahayaan ng Diyos na mamili ang tao. Wala siyang pinipilit. Mamili ka.* Choose for yourself today: Death or Life. Cursing or Blessing.
- Kaya even in election or the selection or choosing of us, *sa pagpili sa atin ng Diyos bilang the Elect*, man's will is involved and respected by God.

- **Ephesians 1:4-5** – He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world.
- We chose Jesus in our timeline and God saw it before the foundation of the world.
- The purpose of our Election is to make us holy and blameless and become children of God.
- God is Omniscient – *Nakita na ng Diyos* before the foundation of the world that we will believe in Jesus *kaya pinili Niya tayo*. That is why we were elected. God also saw that some people did not believe in His Son Jesus that is why God did not elect them. God did not choose them. *Hindi sila pinili*. And God in His Grace allows the wicked ones to live out the gift of life. *Hindi Niya binawi ang buhay na ibinigay Niya*.
- But God made sure that grace that brings salvation appeared to all men. (**Titus 2:11**)
- Because the work of God is that you believe in Him, Jesus, whom He sent.
- He is pleased with you because you chose Jesus.
- How about **John 15:16**? – You did not choose Me but I chose you. – This is a different context. He was talking to His disciples. This is Jesus choosing the 12 disciples. Different purpose from the purpose of Election: to go, bear fruit, and your fruit shall remain.
- So believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Everybody needs a Savior. But not everybody wants a Savior. They think they don't need a Savior or that they can save themselves.
- It is only the blood of Jesus that can save us, not our being good or even doing good works. It is only when you choose Jesus that God chooses you before the foundation of the world. There is no salvation apart from Jesus Christ.
- Scriptures tells us that there is none righteous, not even one. (**Romans 3:10**) We become righteous through faith in Christ Jesus.
- Declare: "I am an elect of God."
- After He elected us according to His foreknowledge: 1) We were sanctified or made holy by the Holy Spirit; 2) We were made obedient to the faith; 3) We were washed by the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
- It's all done by the Father.
- We are the finished product of the finished work of Jesus Christ.
- Expect the grace of God and His peace be multiplied in your life!

***God chose us in Him before the foundation of the world.
 In His foreknowledge, He elected us.
 He is our omniscient God –
 He knew that in our lifetime, we will believe Jesus Christ.
 And so He chose us.
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 and the choosing of God.
 He is pleased with you because you chose Jesus Christ.
 Declare: "I am an elect of God!"
 Elected to be holy, blameless, and to be a child of God.
 You are the finished product
 of the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ!
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