

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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BOOK OF PETER (PART 3) – PETER, MAN OF HOPE

- If Paul was a man of faith and John was a man of love, Peter was a man of hope.
- He had a lot of hopes. After all, Peter failed Jesus. Peter was the one who hoped for Jesus' acceptance of him after he denied Jesus three times.
- His failures were met by Jesus with abundant grace.
- Jesus restored Peter back to ministry. Not demoted but fully restored. Full restoration *ang binigay ni Jesus Kay Peter*.
- **John 21:15-17** – Jesus spoke these words to Peter in front of the disciples.
- Verse 17 – key – “Lord, You know all things.”
- Jesus is not into demotion for He knows our hearts.
- Your hope is in Jesus Christ for He knows all things.
- However, this is different from those who did not really believe or accept Jesus.
- For us who believe in Jesus, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Him.
- Jesus exceedingly, abundantly, over and above met Peter's expectations.
- He confirmed and affirmed Peter in front of his brothers with full restoration.
- We can expect the same – abundance of grace meets our human frailty, sins, or mistakes.
- Full restoration for us not demotion.
- **Ephesians 3:20** – “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”
- We have a lot of hopes and dreams. Then as we go on in life, we realize *merong mga bagay na hindi para sa atin*. And it's okay. Do not think you failed. You just found out what is not for you. *Na-eliminate mo na*.
- Umasa kang muli. We have a living hope in Christ Jesus.
- Without Christ, our hopes and dreams are dead, powerless. But with Him they are powerful.
- Don't think that you are a failure when you fail. Change your script, narrative. As far as God is concerned you are victorious. Keep trusting in the Lord and not in what you can do.
- Declare: “I am a winner, not a failure.”
- As a child of God, you are a winner in Christ. *Yan ang tinadhana ng Diyos!*
- *Ikaw ay tagumpay na! Kasi lahat ay pinanalo na ni Kristo para sa iyo.*
- If you failed, maybe it's really not meant for you. Just learn from it – fail forward.
- The Bible says, “Do not despise small beginnings.” Start small, lose small, *pero* learn big! But keep going! Move forward!
- Do not trust man. Trust in the Lord. When you trust a person, give room for error. It is only God whom you can fully trust.
- If you have hopes and dreams, the answer is faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Hebrews 11:1** – Faith is the substance of things hoped for.
- *Huwag kang mag-alala*, Jesus is our living hope!
- Declare: “I have a living hope!”
- All His promises to us are Yes and Amen! (**2 Corinthians 1:20**)
- God is glorified when His promises are seen in our lives.
- *Garantisado*. God keeps them and fulfills them.

- Si Lord *ang nangako*. And the One who promised is faithful.
- For example, if you are sick, be a person of hope – *isipin mo na gagaling ako*. Then be a person of faith – by the stripes of Jesus, I am healed.
- Ex. Depression – Hope: You will be set free. Faith: Whom the Son sets free is free indeed.
- Ex. *Kahirapan* – Hope: *Ikaw ay yayaman*. Faith: Jesus became poor that we might be rich.
- It's important for us to have our hopes. *Umasa ka kay Kristo*.
- *Lahat ay biyaya*. Just believe that you will receive it.
- Our source of hope is Christ alone!
- Even if we have our own hopes, God shows us a living Hope. **(1 Peter 1:3-5)**
- Begotten us again = born again.
- God in His mercy, has begotten us again, given us a new birth. A new chance to be of God. Born of God. **(John 1:12-13)**
- The born again experience we had is not of will of flesh or any other man. It is the will of God. Not of blood but of the Spirit.
- In the natural, life is in the blood. For us born again, life is in the Spirit.
- We were begotten again / born again:
- **1. To a Living Hope**
- Living hope does not mean: “*Sana nga mangyari.*” No! It means: “*Mangyayari!*”
- Because it is based not on what we can do but on our Living Hope, Christ Himself who did everything for us!
- *Hindi paasa kundi Buhay na Pag-asa! Hindi patay na pag-asa.*
- Because Jesus rose from the dead, we have a living Hope!
- Because He lives, we can face tomorrow.
- **2. To an Inheritance**
- A. Incorruptible; B. undefiled; C. Does not fade away; D. Reserved in Heaven for you.
- Enjoy! Do not work so hard *para yumaman lamang*. *May nakareserve na sa 'yo sa heaven.*
- *Umasa ka na may mana na tayo na naghihintay sa atin*. It has your name on it!
- *Dahil kay Hesus, asa pa more! Dahil buhay ang ating Pag-asa.*
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