

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 6) – THE MAIN EVENT

- We are in the center of prophecy unfolding and unveiling before us. – Joseph Prince
- We can rejoice! And rejoicing is good for our health. So regardless of what will happen and we will see, keep your eyes on Jesus/the Word and you will rejoice.
- Paul said to Timothy in **2 Timothy 3:1-5** – But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!
- We have been warned. But we can still rejoice because we can pray for our families, children.
- If you focus on the bad news, it will bring you down. But if you focus on Jesus, you can still rejoice!
Benefits of rejoicing:
 - **Proverbs 15:15** – A merry heart = a continual feast. Fiesta! *Laging masaya!*
 - **Proverbs 15:13** – A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance.
 - **Proverbs 17:22** – A merry heart does good, like medicine. *Tawanan mo ang iyong problema!*
 - When you meditate on the Word, *mahirapan kang malungkot dahil magiging masaya ka.*
 - *Piliin mong maging masaya.* A happy face, a happy countenance is health to your bones.
 - Rejoicing makes you celebrate, happy faced and healthy because it is medicine.
 - Testimony of Creflo who had cancer: Comedy. Watch funny things. Not green but funny. It is very good for your health.
 - Being sad is not the will of God for you.
 - *Maski may problema,* be of good cheer!
 - Death is not the final destiny of a person. Jesus is.
 - Keep your hearts merry or joyful in the Lord. *Para di kayo ma-stress sa mga negative things.* Let us rejoice, and even in trials let us rejoice! *Ang resulta:* salvation of our souls.
 - When you rejoice, *naliligtas ang iyong kalooban na mag-alala or mula sa sobrang kalungkutan.*
 - Rejoice *at mapagtatagumpayan mo ang lahat ng iyong problema* because you are trusting the Lord.
 - **1 Peter 1:10-12** – The prophets didn't understand the diverse prophecies that were given to them concerning the Messiah. God's grace and His plan of redemption are beyond the comprehension of the angels, too.
 - This is not just a trend. The grace that has been revealed to us was a mystery to them. But we experience it right now.
 - **Psalm 32:1-4** – Even King David prophesied how blessed we are whose transgression is forgiven. God even imputed His righteousness upon us.
 - *Ang weariness ni David ay tagos hanggang buto.* Heaviness and groaning *ang para sa taong hindi alam ang biyaya ng Diyos.*
 - *Salamat sa ating nakakaalam ng biyaya Niya, tayo ay may kapahingahan. Kapag nagkasala, ang sasabihin natin ay: Salamat sa kapatawaran!*
 - Prophesying by the Spirit of Christ, they knew something of His sufferings and glories, but far less than they longed to know.
 - *Sa kanila, kakaunti lang, glimpse lang. Pero tayo, lubos na lubos kasi sa atin naibuhos ang biyaya.*
 - The prophets spoke this *pero di nila naranasan: Isaiah 53:4-5; Zephaniah 3:17.*

- This was too much for them to comprehend. They cannot grasp it.
- We are at the center of these prophecies being unfolded.
- That is why keep on sharing the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work at the cross.
- We have foreknowledge from the Book of Revelation. We can imagine but our imaginations may fail.
- Same with the prophets of old. They had an idea but they never saw it. But us, we have an idea, and we are at the center of it. Then not (Great Tribulation). Then again (New Heaven New Earth, Millennial Reign, Judges and New Jerusalem).
- It was a prophecy to Isaiah, Zephaniah. But reality to Peter, Paul, James, and John. *Inabot nila ang church, the one that God is in the midst. The one that Jesus saved and is rejoicing about. And now, a reality to us.*
- To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering: The prophets understood that they were ministering to people beyond them or after them.
- The unfolding of God's eternal plan is something that angels desire to look into.
- We are in the center of this Revelation. The Prophets hoped to see this, and angels desire to look into this Great Salvation. At tayo *ang nasa gitna ng* action.
- **Hebrews 12:1-2** – They (prophets, angels, Apostles, early church people) comprise the great cloud of witnesses watching us, the main event.
- *May nanonood sa atin!* They are the witnesses of Jesus witnessing us. We are the main event.
- There is a race *pero may nanalo na, sumusunod na lang tayo sa Kanyang panalo.*
- Jesus leads us. He is our destiny. We already won in Him!
- So run with endurance. Just like Jesus who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross. He showed us the way.
- We are the joy set before Him. *Nakita Niya na kasama Niya tayo.* He then endured the cross and despised the shame.
- Picture this, you are seated with Christ in the heavenly places. This is the same thing Jesus saw. His joy!
- Keep your eyes set on the joy before you, our destiny – seated with Christ.
- *Tumakbo ka lang.* Don't stop. Keep on running and you will finish your race!
- You will be with Jesus. You will enjoy everything He prepared for you.
- The good thing in our case is, we have foreknowledge. *Alam na* this! And we have a great expectation, a blessed Hope, a Living Hope in Christ Jesus!

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