

# 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 7) – BE SOBER

- We learned from Peter that we, believers, are to rejoice because we have a living hope. Then we found out that we are in this sure win endurance race. *May nanalo na!* Jesus is our Champion who won it all for us. We just run while the so great cloud of witnesses surrounds us. We are in a faith arena where apostles, prophets, heroes of faith are cheering us on. The victory has been won for us!
- This is then Peter's next instruction: **1 Peter 1:13-14** – The Word already describes us as obedient children. Always come from the narrative of the Bible, not on your own description of yourself. According to the Holy Spirit, you are obedient!
- This is renewing our minds. When you change your description with the Word, your life will follow. Right believing causes right living.
- In the Greek Interlinear Bible, this is the way to read it in the proper tenses:
  - Therefore, you being girded up, (Aorist/Past tense, done deal) in your mind
  - Be sober, (Present Active. Focus) – means living with a single-minded focus
  - And fully rest on the hope. Hoped or what you expected (Past tense) upon the grace that is
  - Being brought to you (Present Passive) at the revelation or unveiling of Jesus Christ.
- Every time you are hearing about Jesus and His finished work, you are being brought grace.
- As long as you keep on hearing the Word, grace is being delivered to you.
- The grace of God will supply your needs. *Siya na ang bahala base sa Kanyang biyaya.*
- Be sober. Focus *lang sa biyaya na handog ng revelation ng ating Panginoon.*
- Gird up your loins can be likened to “roll up your sleeves” – to be ready to do something.
- So with the correct tense according to Peter, our minds are already ready. *Naka ready, get set, go na!*
- As far as the Bible is concerned, you are ready. Be sober *na lang* or be focused. Be focused *sa* grace.
- *Kasi yung iba*, divided *ang* focus. *Minsan* grace, *minsan hindi* grace. Focused on the Son of God *minsan, minsan naman* focused on sin.
- Grace through and through *tayo!*
- One way to be focused is to speak grace.
- *Paano pag mali ang ginawa?* Speak grace *pa rin.*
- Even the Father says we are obedient children.
- We don't say what other people deserve. Grace is given undeservedly.
- Choosing your words, you focus on grace, you speak grace.
- Use words of grace, speak grace.
- As they are filled with grace, they will give out grace.
- *Punuin mo sila ng biyaya ng Diyos.* Grace in, Grace out. Impart grace to others.
- *Sa mga kapatiran, huwag ding maging* conscious *sa sin/pagkakamali ng iba.* We are New Covenant people who are not sin conscious.
- Because in the Old Testament/Old Covenant, there is a reminder of sins every year. (**Hebrews 10:2-4**)
- But Jesus changed it all. (**Hebrews 10:9-10**) – we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. For all people for all time because it was the perfect sacrifice, ratified at the cross of Calvary.
- The Old Covenant no longer applies today. Yes, *hindi nagbabago ang Diyos pero kaya Niyang baguhin ang mga bagay-bagay* (ex. Old Covenant to New Covenant).

- God does not change but He can change things. He takes away the old and makes it new (ex. New Creation). He can make things new.
- **Hebrews 10:17** – If God is not remembering our sins anymore, who are we to remember our sins?
- He honors the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. To remember sins is to dishonor the blood of Jesus.
- Be Son-conscious not sin-conscious.
- *Hindi lang kasalanan natin ang pinatawad, pati ang kasalanan ng iba.*

*Be sober, obedient child of God.  
 Your mind is already girded up. You are ready.  
 Live focused, single minded on grace  
 brought to you by the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 You are grace-conscious.  
 You are grace focused.  
 Focus on the grace of God for you, for other believers,  
 and for people in the world.  
 Grace, grace to all!*

- So we trust in the Lord, we do not put full confidence on man. (**Psalm 118:8**)
- Love does not keep a record of wrongs. To err is human, to forgive is divine. Be grace minded.
- Love compels us. (**2 Corinthians 5:14-16**)
- Our judgment for others – if one died for all, then all died. Jesus died for all. We live no longer for ourselves but for Jesus who died and rose for us. From now on, we regard no one according to the flesh.
- This brings us compassion for them. Then we come to them with the love of God.
- We are grace-conscious; we are grace focused.
- *Kaya pag nagkasala:*
  - *Ang sarili* – See yourself forgiven by the Son.
  - *Ang ibang* believers – See them forgiven also. New creations in Christ.
  - *Ang* unbelievers – Do not regard them in the flesh. *Wag yung mga sala nila ang tingnan mo. Tingnan mo ang katotohanan na namatay din Si Kristo para sa kanila.* Regard no man according to the flesh.
- Focus on the grace of God for you, for other believers, and for people in the world. Grace, grace to all!