

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 8) – BE HOLY OR MADE HOLY?

- **Hebrews 10:9-10** – “Have been sanctified” is in the perfect tense in English. It describes an action which is viewed as having been completed in the past, once and for all.
- *Perfect na, wala ka ng pwedeng idagdag pa.*
- Our Lord Jesus' last words on the cross: “*Tetelestai*” which means “It is finished.” This sentence is a perfect example of perfect tense, completed in the past once and for all.
- We have been forgiven is also once and for all time.
- Declare: “I am perfectly forgiven of all my sins.” *Pinatawad ka na ng lubos ng Panginoon!*
- So do not hurt yourself anymore by self-torture. Your sins are forgiven forever because *tetelestai* – it is perfectly finished!
- *Magpasalamat ka na lang sa Panginoong Hesus.* Do not penalize yourself. Jesus was already penalized for all our sins. *Siya ang pinarusahan para sa ating mga kasalanan.*
- How about the phrase “die to yourself?” Well, Jesus already did the dying and when you believed in Jesus, you became in union with Him. Dying to yourself then means: Stop trusting yourself and trust only our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We have been sanctified is once and for all. Perfect tense, no need to repeat because it is done.
- It is also in the passive voice. You did not do the action. Somebody did it for you and you just receive the action.
- We did not sanctify ourselves, somebody did it – Jesus Christ did.
- Sanctification or holiness is something only God can do. We do not have the capacity to do it.
- *Greek Haggiazo*: verb – perfect passive participle – nominative plural masculine; to render or acknowledge, or to be venerable or hallow; to separate from profane things and dedicate to God; consecrate things to God; dedicate people to God; to purify – to cleanse externally; to purify by expiation; free from the guilt of sin; to purify internally by renewing of the soul.
- We are already made holy by Jesus Christ.
- **1 Peter 1:15-16** – be holy (active voice) in all your conduct.
- *Pagdating sa conduct, ikaw ang bahala dyan.*
- We were made holy by God in our spirit so we can make ourselves holy in our conduct.
- Be holy here is in middle deponent = active voice. You are the actor, and you benefit from it. It is in imperative mood, a command.
- Conduct is *Anastrophe* in Greek – a noun which means manner of life, behavior, deportment (*pag-uugali*).
- We are holy in the inside and then we can make ourselves holy on the outside through our conduct.
- GIGO = Grace In, Grace Out.
- Declare: “I am a saint.”
- The knowledge that we are already made holy gives us the power to be holy in our conduct.
- Right believing in who you are, causes right living. Declare: “I am holy therefore, my conduct will be holy.”
- *Totoong holy na ang spirit mo, kaya magpakatotoo ka.*
- It is then your choice to be used for honorable or dishonorable things.
- *Ang pag-uugali ay choice natin.*

- *Ipinapakita sa atin ng Diyos ang tama o mali, pero tayo pa rin ang mamimili. Ganyan tayo kamahal ng Diyos.* He honors our freewill.
- *Kung may believer na nagkamali, holy pa rin ba sya?* Yes! It's *tetelestai!* It is finished, done deal.
- **2 Timothy 2:19-23** – Depart from iniquity. This is up to the person.
- It is up to us to be holy in our conduct by separating ourselves from iniquity. *Pag ginawa natin yun,* He can use us for honor. *Nasa sa iyo yun* based on your decision if you want to be used by God. And if you align yourself to His will, then good for you.
- We cannot be effective and be of use for honor if we disqualify ourselves from the eyes of other people.
- God has qualified us in the spirit, but we can disqualify ourselves in our conduct or behavior.
- *Tatakbo ka na rin lang, galingan mo na!* There is a prize! Imperishable crown – **1 Corinthians 9:24-27**.
- God will never disqualify you. If we continue in sin, we will disqualify ourselves from the people. So go for the win, go for the prize!
- Now that we know that we are holy in the inside, let us make our conduct holy on the outside.
- Choose to be holy in conduct because our Father is holy.
- Holy inside, holy outside.
- We represent Jesus as the body of Christ *kaya* we need to represent Jesus well. This is what makes us useful to the Master for every good work.
- If you have some conduct you need to fix, go ahead. The grace of God is always available to help you.
- *Umpisahan sa pamilya.* Be nice to one another especially to our family who are the most important/precious people to us. Do a reset. Holy conduct is best practiced at home. Be sweet again. Make every day a love day for every family. We have grace from our Lord Jesus, we can speak grace.
- Flee youthful lusts – *Tayo ang lumayo sa kasalanan o tukso.*
- This is the power of God for you: You are made holy by the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Once and for all.
- Receive that grace and instead of youthful lusts, this is the prescription instead: “pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”
- Practice being holy – first in the family, next to the church, and then to the community because our Father God has made us holy.

*God made us holy.
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 we are already made holy by Jesus Christ.
 This is perfectly finished! Once and for all time.
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 so we can make ourselves holy in our conduct.
 It is up to us to be holy in our conduct
 by separating ourselves from iniquity.
 And when we do, we choose to be honorable for God's use.
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 Instead, pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace.
 Choose to be holy in conduct because our Father is holy.*