

# Church, to Live is Christ

21 For to me, to live is Christ.

Philippians 1:21 NKJV

FCI Faith Group Program

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## 1 PETER 2 (PART 1) – SUKDULANG BIYAYA

- *Sukdulang Biyaya!* – *sukdulan* means extreme, utmost, *walang hanggan*.
- This is brought to us by the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- The Bible, the Word of God does not corrupt. It always abides in you and never fades away. You are always clean then because of the Word of God!
- Declare: “I am always clean! *Pinatawad at hinugasan ng dugo ni Kristo ang lahat ng kasalanan ko at binigyan ako ng bagong spirito.*”
- This spirit intertwined or mingled with the Spirit of God and made us a New Creation – bagong buhay, bagong description. And our soul is already purified by the Word through the Holy Spirit.
- The Word of God is not the word of man. It is the Word of God. That’s why we live by every Word of God. *Importante ang bawat Salita ng Diyos.*
- The Word of God is also the Word of Grace. *Biyaya lang ang maririnig mo.*
- The Word of Grace is not about making us feel guilty. Grace does not condemn us, neither does it make us want to feel guilty or sinful.
- Grace does not condemn man when man makes mistakes but points us to the answer and solution (*sa kasagutan*) who is our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Grace will always point you to Jesus.
- So when we feel regret over our sins as we hear the Word of God, always look to Jesus. And as you look to Jesus, you are reminded of the payment He did. It is finished! Fully paid are your sins!
- **1 Peter 2:1-3** – Laying aside in Greek interlinear is in Aorist tense. Done deal *na*. And Peter by the Holy Spirit says: *na-lay aside mo na ang mga ito*. We already laid it aside.
- Now, why do the translators seeing it is Aorist or past tense translate it in the present tense? Because:
  - 1. A rule in English composition: The present tense is applied when discussing something that is always true;
  - 2. There is a rule in translating from Greek to English when verb augmentation is not there, or it is in the imperative, it is translated in the present tense;
  - 3. Maybe the translators do not have a revelation yet, that it is already a done deal.
- Ex: In Hebrew, the word Elohim is God in plural. *Pero hindi matanggap ng Hebrews yan na 3 yet one God.*
- Going back to our verse, the Holy Spirit is speaking well of believers.
- Word of Grace! Undeservedly but God made us deserving, unqualified but God made us qualified.
- Ex: I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. – *Sukdulang Biyaya ng Diyos yang deklarasyon na yan!* Over the max!
- But the more you speak it, it makes you reign in life, your situations, problems, moods, addictions, and sin.
- With the gift of righteousness and the abundance of grace, you reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ!
- Let’s read our verse in the Aorist/past tense – You laid aside all malice and all guile and hypocrisies and envies and evil speaking.
- *Ganito pala ang tingin ng Diyos sa akin!*
- Knowing this, it makes us trust God more, appreciate and thank Him more.

- You are perfect because of the finished work of Jesus Christ. He Himself did the work. (**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**)
- Declare: "I am sanctified completely. My spirit, soul, and body are preserved blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- You can be assured and secured *na pagdating ng Panginoon*, blameless *ka pa rin*.
- Declare: "God has a good opinion of me. God Himself did the work in me."
- *Kung sakali man na ikaw ay mag nagagawa pang* evil speaking *o may malice pa*, just look unto Jesus and see your sins punished on His body. This is the power of the cross. All guilt will go away. Know that Jesus paid for all sins. Do not condemn yourself anymore. He wants you to see His finished work at the cross.
- Look at the cross and let your heart be at rest.
- Declare: "I am blameless because Jesus took it all."
- Don't be stressed *kung ikaw man ay nagkakasala pa*. *Hindi nagbabago ang tingin ng Diyos sa atin*.
- Next verse – Like newborn babies you desired (past tense) the pure milk of the word and you grew. (past tense)
- Peter is not saying *na maging* babies *tayo uli* or we are to be like babies or a baby Christian. His emphasis is *yung* desire ng baby for the milk is like our desire for the Word of God. *Kaya tayo nag-grow*.
- God just wants to love on us. And in His love, we are changed *dahil sa Kanyang Sukdulang Biyaya at pagmamahal sa atin*.
- Truly, we have tasted that the Lord is gracious!
- We are so loved that we just fall in love.
- *Nilinis na Niya tayo* so we can come boldly to the throne of grace. Boldly means to freely speak.
- You are loved and God sees you perfectly, so you can come boldly to the throne of grace and receive mercy and grace in time of need.
- There is nothing wrong with you, you are perfect! God loves you as if you are the only one (like His Begotten Son, Jesus). You are the only one in His eyes.
- God's love for you never fades away.
- *At ang sabihin ng Hari ay hindi nababali!* We are dubbed as obedient children of God, purified, sanctified, forgiven forever!
- New Creation, New Life, and New Description *mula sa Kanyang Sukdulang Biyaya!*

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***It does not condemn you but points you to Jesus Christ.***  
***He declares you an obedient child of God,***  
***purified, sanctified, forgiven forever.***  
***And whatever you have done,***  
***you will remain blameless in His eyes***  
***until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.***  
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***So, look at the cross and let your heart be at rest.***  
***You are loved and you are perfect!***  
***You are the righteousness of God in Christ!***  
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