

# 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 2) – OUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF GOD

- We needed to see the “done deals” in the past (from **1 Peter 1**), so we can see and understand what God is doing in us and through us through the Holy Spirit in the present.
- Next verses now speak in the present tense – **1 Peter 2:4-5**.
- Who is this living stone? Jesus Christ – Rejected by men but chosen by God and precious as the cornerstone.
- Cornerstone – foundational stone, the first stone laid.
- A cornerstone (or foundation stone or setting stone) is the first stone set in the construction of a masonry foundation. All other stones will be set in reference to this stone, thus determining the position of the entire structure.
- It must be precise, stable, firm. *Pag hindi matibay, guguho*, it will collapse.
- We are so blessed that our foundation is Jesus Christ!
- Jesus is our firm and strong foundation. We come to Him and lay our lives on Him.
- God has accepted Jesus as the cornerstone in whom we lay our lives. Jesus is chosen by God and Jesus is precious. Precious *na*, chosen *pa*!
- We are and will be standing because we have a strong foundation, Jesus Christ. *Sa Kanya nakabase ang buhay natin. Siya ang ating* reference point. In good times or bad times, we look to Jesus.
- Declare: “I’m still standing because of Jesus, our firm foundation.”
- *Ano man ang dumating sa buhay mo*, you will stand strong because you have Jesus.
- Build your life on Jesus, He will never let you down. He is faithful through all generations and even to us now.
- *Maganda ang* track record ni Jesus! He has not let us down and He won’t!
- Because we align ourselves to Jesus, the cornerstone, we are also chosen and made precious.
- Declare: “I am chosen and precious to God.”
- We are also living stones, living our lives on the foundation who is Jesus. And we are being built up as a spiritual house.
- If there are hollow blocks, we are holy blocks.
- **Ephesians 2:20-22** – We are being fitted together by God.
- Declare: “The Holy Spirit resides in me.”
- We are the temple of God. He never leaves us nor forsakes us.
- *Oikos* of God – dwelling place of God.
- The building continues. It is even now being built as more people believe in the Lord Jesus. *Tuluy-tuloy na* building *ang nangyayari*. Build and build.
- The original temple of God, mobile temple, was Jesus. Wherever He was, there is the presence of God.
- According to the Word of God, Jesus’ body is the true temple of God.
- **Colossians 2:9** – in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.
- **John 2:19-21** – Jesus was speaking of the temple of His body.
- Presently, we, believers of Jesus Christ, also known as the Body of Christ, through the finished work of Jesus, we have become the temple of God. (**2 Corinthians 5:1, Ephesians 3:17**)
- **1 Corinthians 3:16** – This is part of our new narrative, new description: “My body is the temple of God, the Spirit of God dwells in me.”
- The temple of God is our body! We house the Holy Spirit in our body.

- **1 Corinthians 6:19** – body (*soma*); God owns our body. But He will not force you to use your body for Him. It is still up to you to allow God to use your body for His purposes.
- If you don't know that your body is holy and sanctified for His purposes, you might misuse or abuse it. But if you know it, then you will know the right use of your body and you will use it the right way.
- Our body is now for God and His purposes.
- Declare: "I am holy, obedient child of God, temple of God."
- From Genesis to Revelation, God declares His desire to dwell with His people. He wants to tabernacle which means to dwell with you. He so loved us that He wants to fellowship with us.
- From Genesis in the garden in Eden, God demonstrates His desire to dwell with man. God wants to be with His people. Through the Tabernacle or temple, God makes Heaven mobile.
- **Exodus 25:8-9** – The Tabernacle, a heavenly copy is made with earthly materials by Moses. It is like a portal for God to have His presence here on earth. The tabernacle is heaven on earth.
- From the Tabernacle to the Cross – Because the cross is the ultimate answer of God to tabernacle/dwell in man.
- *Dahil sa natapos na gawa ni Hesus, pwede ng manahan ang Diyos sa atin*, never to be apart again.
- Sa Old Testament/Old Covenant, *araw-araw may sacrifice, may yearly pa!*  
But in the New Covenant, Jesus did it all. He has made the sacrifice and paid it Himself.
- The veil was torn through His body.  
*Nilapit tayo ng Diyos sa Kanya* through the power of the blood of Jesus at the cross. Jesus made the way.
- What now? We are now priests, a holy priesthood, and we offer sacrifices of Praise! *Papuri sa Diyos!*
- *Maski nasaan ka*, you are the temple of God (mobile temple).
- In the future – **Revelation 21:2-3, 22** – The tabernacle of God is with men; the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
- From Genesis to Revelation, *ang gusto lang ng Diyos ay makapiling ka.*
- You now have the presence of God, and you bring the presence of God to others.
- Through you and me, *nakikita ang Diyos.*
- Through you, God can minister to them and fellowship with them for you are a walking mobile temple of God. Everywhere you go, you are a blessing to people.
- **Matthew 18:19-20** – *Nasa kalagitnaan natin ang Diyos mismo.*
- We bring heaven here on earth. We are heaven's portal/doorway.
- **Ezekiel 43:12** – Where the temple is, it also becomes holy. Even the surrounding places become most holy.
- Wherever you are, that place is holy!
- We are the temple of God. *Yan ang Sukdulang Biyaya ng ating Diyos!*

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 Salamat sa Sukdulang Biyaya ng Diyos!  
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 for us to be the temple of God.  
 So let us offer sacrifices of praise! Papuri sa Diyos!*