

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 3 – GRACE FOR LIFE

- Exhortation verses: **1 Peter 2:21-24**.
- God has supplied us with grace for life.
- Everything He says in the Word is our life, the life of Christ. *Nilalakaran na lang natin* according to the prescription of the Word.
- To live is Christ means we identify with everything He has done. Jesus is perfect, so I am perfect. Jesus is holy, then I am holy. Jesus is blameless therefore, I am blameless. I identify with every good thing that He has done for me.
- Previously, we learned about relationships. Jesus is the main basis and our example.
- Our starting place is God. We continue in God and our final destiny is God.
- Ex. Social media reels – prescriptions that sound good but only address the temporal side of us.
- *Hindi tayo nagpapatuloy gamit ang salita ng mundo kundi gamit ang Salita ng Diyos.*
- Ours is the best prescription, the Word of God.
- *Ang Salita ng Diyos ay katiyakan. Lubos ang ating tiwala sa Word of God.*
- The Word gives everlasting value – spirit, soul, body. Heaven and earth will pass away but God’s Word will not pass away.
- **Matthew 26:31-35** – Peter and the disciples did not believe what Jesus said.
- We know better, we choose to believe the words of Jesus than the words of man.
- Trust in the Word alone.
- *Simple lang ang buhay, paniwalaan mo ang Salita ng Diyos na katiyakan.*
- **1 Peter 3:8-12** – Declare: “I am called to be blessed!”
- Verse 10 – If you want to see good days, refrain from speaking evil or deceit.
- Verse 12 – The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous. Thank God we are the righteousness of God in Christ!
- We are called to this blessed life, a life full of grace. Grace Life is a blessed life.
- God gives us grace for grace.
- How does a blessed life look? A grace life look?
 - 1) One mind or in unity
 - 2) Have compassion for one another
 - 3) Love as brothers
 - 4) Be tenderhearted
 - 5) Be courteous
 - 6) Not returning evil for evil
 - 7) Bless people
- Jesus’s life was lived before us as our example. – Jesus who has set His life for an example to us. He is the firstborn among the many brethren. Christ is in us so to live is Christ.
- This is the supply of Grace: a) The Word of God; b) The Spirit of Christ in us; c) The Lord Jesus as our example; d) God Himself keeping us.
- **1. Unity** – in the truth, in the Word of Life. If the Word of God says it, that settles it.
- In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, charity.
- Children of God, *magkaisa! Magkasundo tayo. Mag-intindihan tayo.*
- There is commanded blessing when there is unity among the brethren.

- **2. Compassion or sympathy** – Let us not walk in indifference. Instead, share in the joy and sorrow of others. We care for people. Scripture says: Those who are in prison as if we are in prison with them. Those in the war as if we are with them.
- *Si Jesus may pakialam.*
- Sympathy means your pain is in my heart. I feel you.
- We can walk in compassion because Christ is in us.
- Jesus was moved with compassion, and He healed all people and when He saw the multitude hungry. **(Matthew 14:14 and 15:32)**
- **3. Brotherly love** – Phileo love. Family affection because we belong to the family of God. Jesus is the firstborn among the many brethren. Called to love God the Father, and one another as Jesus loved us. This is grace living.
- **4. Tenderhearted** – with pity. Answers the question: What can we do for their pain? We get involved when we hear someone in the hospital.
- Ex. What can I do for your pain or lack?
- Jesus saw the multitude and fed them with five loaves and two fish.
- **5. Be courteous** – respect. As simple as respecting them at the mention of their name.
- Jesus Himself respected people (except the Pharisees who represented self-righteousness).
- **John 14:16-18 ESV** – Jesus talked to the woman at the well with respect.
- He is full of respect. No accusation, no condemnation.
- Christ in you will allow you to be courteous.
- Any time there is accusation in your mind, *hindi yun si Lord*. He will never remind you of your sin.
- Jesus never mentions our sins. He reminds us of our righteousness by the Holy Spirit. All sins are paid up by Jesus.
- **6. Not returning evil for evil** – Instead return good for evil. This is the only way to cease evil.
- **7. Bless** – say: God bless you. Always bless people because we were made blessed. We are called blessed not cursed.
- *Pag piniga ka, ang lalabas sa yo blessing!*
- This is the best way to live.
- Just like Jesus:
- **1. Do not speak evil.**
- If you do not have something good to say, do not say it.
- When you speak good, your reputation will also be good.
- **2. Do not lie.**
- We are of the truth. Satan is the father of all lies. The war in Gaza is a byproduct of living a lie all their lives. It's like the Holocaust.
- **3. Turn away from evil.**
- **4. Do good.**
- **5. Seek peace and pursue it.**
- *Ito ang buhay na ganap, pinagpala, at punung-puno ng biyaya ng Diyos!*

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 This is grace living!
 This is our blessed life because we have Grace for Life!*