

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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1 PETER 4 – CHRIST SUFFERED FOR US

- **1 Peter 4:1-5** – Therefore, since Christ – *Ang panimula ay si Kristo*. In whatever message we have, we start, we continue, and we end with Christ. *Siya ang laman at basis ng ating mensahe*. No message is worthy of your time if it is not centered on Christ.
- The message of Christ or the Gospel (good news) are the messages that have power: Power unto salvation and multiplies grace into our lives. No Christ in message – no grace, no peace, no power.
- The reference point is always Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Salvation is the Greek word "*Soteria*" which is all inclusive – safety, prosperity, healing, freedom, etc. Amen.
- When you are hearing the gospel, there is power for you to be saved, healed, free. *Ito ang mga natatanggap natin habang nakikinig tayo ng Salita ng Diyos*.
- No matter how good the preacher is, *pero pag wala si Kristo sa mensahe, sayang lang ang panahon nyo, bale wala kung mga bagay lang sa mundo ang pag-uusapan niya*. It will only be worldly wisdom like receiving from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When we can partake of the Tree of Life who is Jesus Christ and receive word of life.
- It doesn't matter how nice and magnificent the church building is also, if Christ is not preached *sayang lang ang panahon ninyo*. There is no life if Jesus is not the center of it. Jesus is the center of it all. Only from the Tree of Life, only from Jesus Christ we receive life.
- The wisdom of the world is very enticing so we are being warned/reminded.
- "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us" – *para sa atin ang ginawa ni Kristo, hindi para sa Kanya*. *Siya ang nag-suffer physically (He was chastised), emotionally, and yes, even spiritually (He died in the spirit) para hindi na tayo mag-suffer*.
- *Siya na ang nagsakripisyo para sa atin*. It is not the will of God for us to suffer.
- It will be double jeopardy if you try to pay what Jesus already paid for you. *Pag bayad na, wala ka ng babayaran pa. Yung suffering mo ay bayad na*.
- Jesus already suffered for us. You don't have to suffer anymore.
- Soulishly – Arm yourself with the same mind or thinking. *Kaya wag ka ng mag-suffer or magbayad ng kasalanan mo dahil hindi mo rin kayang bayaran*. Only the blood of Jesus can pay for our sins.
- Peter did not say arm yourself with the same suffering but with the same mind.
- It means think this way: Jesus already paid for our suffering. Identify with His suffering. *Isipin mo na ang suffering Niya ay para sa suffering mo na*.
- *Hindi niloob ng Diyos na tayo ang mag-suffer*. Instead, *niloob Niya na si Jesus ang mag-suffer para sa atin*.
- Ex. Prayer and fasting to earn anointing – We are already anointed, our anointing came with the Holy Spirit. We don't have to suffer just to be anointed.
- Ex. *Binigay ko na ang buhay ko kay Kristo – Ito ang totoo: Binigay ni Kristo ang buhay Niya para sa atin*.
- Jesus came to give us life and have it more abundantly – *asan ang suffering?*
- "Come to me all you are heavily laden and I will give you rest" – not suffering.
- You will have battles, you will be attacked to have anointing – *libre po ang anointing and the battle is the Lord's*.

- Sharing with a minister is sharing with all good things. (**Galatians 6:6**) There is nothing scriptural about suffering *pa* more. If you feel you are suffering in the ministry, then you might not be called to it or you are doing something that is not your grace gift.
- But how about Paul? He had a lot of suffering. **Acts 9:15-16** – him only. Ikaw ba si Paul? *Hindi. Kaya hindi para sa atin ang suffering.*
- Our identity is in Christ Jesus and not in Paul. And Jesus already suffered for us.
- *Ano na lang ang gagawin natin?* Rejoice! And again, rejoice! Thank You, Lord Jesus!
- Good effect of suffering: He who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.
- Ex. Prison – the hope of penitentiary is that they will learn from the suffering *at di na sila uulit*. So that suffering will teach them.
- Just identify with the suffering of Jesus on the cross.
- Spiritually – Your identity with the suffering of Christ means you ceased from sin.
- As far as God is concerned, lahat ng suffering *na dapat nating bayaran ay binayaran na ni Jesus*. God sees you pure, a free man *dahil may nagbayad na*. Jesus suffered for our transgressions. He paid for all our sins.
- The wonderful effect: It makes you realize things without experiencing the pain yourself. Jesus is the one who experienced it for us. He took all the pain.
- We give honor to the suffering of Jesus for us when we say no, I will not suffer.
- **Isaiah 53:4-5** – “Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”
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