



FCI Faith Group Program

Sukdulang Biyaya!

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YOU ARE NOT THE PROBLEM (BY ZACH BUNYE)

- Have you ever asked yourself these questions: Am I a good Christian? Is God happy with me? Am I doing the right thing? Do I have enough faith? Am I righteous enough?
- Am I good enough? The answer is no! God's standard is perfection.
- *Pero dahil mahal na mahal tayo ng Diyos*, He sent Jesus to live a perfect life for us to fulfill God's laws and became a sacrifice for our sins!
- If you are a believer of Christ and have been born again, **Galatians 2:20** says – I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
- So we don't need to stress if *pasok tayo sa* perfect standard *ng Diyos*. Because when God looks at us, He sees Jesus in us not our flesh or works.
- So again, you are not the problem. Your spirit has been perfected by Jesus through His finished work at the cross.
- **1. Your sins are not the problem.**
- **Romans 8:1** – If you are in Christ, you cannot be condemned.
- We are no longer under the law; we are under grace. (**Romans 6:14**)
- **Galatians 2:19** – we died to the law that we might live to God.
- Paul was not talking about physical death. He was saying when Jesus died on the cross, he also died. When Jesus rose, he also rose.
- Baptism is important – it is the public affirmation of what happened in the spirit. Being submerged in the water signifies death and being raised from the water signifies a new life.
- When you are in Christ, you are born again, and the law does not apply to you anymore. You died to the law. You are now a citizen of heaven. You are a new creation with a new nature.
- *Pag patay na, hindi na pwedeng kasuhan.*
- But it doesn't mean that grace is a license to sin. (**Romans 6:1-4**)
- Before we got born again, sin was our natural habitat. But now as a new creation, sin is poisonous for you. *May bagong buhay ka na, hindi na bagay sa 'yo ang magkasala!*
- **Hebrews 10:26-29** – Willful sin is the sin of not believing or rejecting Jesus Christ.
- We need to stop acting like Christians and start living like one. Example: Cultural Christians.
- If you are a Christian and the Holy Spirit is in you, He guides you. The Spirit teaches but does not condemn. Sometimes it feels like condemnation *pero* correction *lang naman*.
- It is important that we repent and turn to God.
- Repenting is simply saying: God my ways are wrong, and your ways are right.
- Repentance is for us. Affirming that God is right, and we are wrong.
- **2. Your faith is not the problem.**
- If you are in Christ, the faith that you have is given to you by God.
- **Romans 12** says God has given us the measure of faith.
- **Hebrews 12:2** – looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. In New American Standard Bible, it says the originator and perfecter of our faith.

- You have the faith of Jesus! Same quantity and quality.
- It's not your spirit that needs perfecting of faith but your soulish area – mind, will, emotions.
- *Walang binigay na regalo ang Diyos na defective. Perfect ang mga gift ng Diyos. (James 1:17)*
- So *maaaring kulang pa sa knowledge or instructions ang gumagamit ng faith.*
- **3. Your righteousness is not the problem.**
- Righteousness is not a feeling but a matter of truth.
- **Matthew 5:20** – This means we will never reach heaven without Jesus.
- The whole purpose of the Sermon on the Mount was to reveal to us that we are helpless in our sin, and we will never be righteous without Jesus.
- Without Jesus, even our good deeds are filthy rags. (**Isaiah 64:4**)
- But now that we are believers of Jesus, the righteousness that we have was given to us by Jesus. It's not from our works, feelings, good intentions, or good deeds.
- Foreign righteousness – *hindi galing sa 'yo. May nagbigay sa 'yo.*
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** – We are the righteousness of God in Christ.
- The righteousness that we have is the same righteousness that Jesus has.
- *Si Jesus mismo ang righteousness natin.*
- **1 Corinthians 1:30** – He is our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.
- We have an assurance *na hindi mawawala o mababawasan ang ating righteousness* because Jesus is infinitely righteous. He is our righteousness. Our righteousness remains.
- So what is the problem?
- **Hosea 4:6** – My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.
- The Hebrew word for knowledge is *Yada* meaning “to know”.
- It is more than intellectual knowledge. It describes personal, relational knowledge.
- It's the difference of just knowing about someone versus actually knowing someone.
- Yes, the majority of us know things about Jesus. You know things about Him *pero hindi mo talaga Siya kilala personally.*
- The good news is it is not difficult to know Him. The Bible is available to all of us now compared to old times.
- We need to start feeding on the Word of God to know more about God.
- We read the Word because He is the Word. We feed on the Word. We feast on the Word.
- The Word is food for our souls.
- Praise God we are fed the gospel, a buffet of the Word!
- The more you know about your righteousness in Christ Jesus, the more confident you will be, and Christian life will not be difficult. You will be easing through life.
- **2 Peter 1:2** – Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge (*Yada*) of God and of Jesus our Lord.

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