

# North Christian Church - Pastor Ed Collins

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## Outline:

### **Discipleship**

Jesus demanded that to become a disciple, one must abandon their ties to the self-life. They must be willing to surrender unconditionally to the Lord. The same requirement exists today.

### **Weigh the Consequences**

A person must understand the weightiness of the Gospel before they can be saved. They must understand and desire Christ as Lord, not just Savior. True repentance incurs the "cost" of surrendering the self-life. (Lk 14:27-33)

### **Perspective**

Things that are difficult for man are not for God. For example, "denying self" or "following" Jesus are only difficult due to man's affinity for "old" things.

### **Salvation/Gospel Perspective**

While free "in Christ" (Gal 5)...we must FINISH THE SENTENCE! It doesn't mean "free from all slavery" and related duties of a doulos (bondslave); rather, it means "free FROM SIN" and enslavement "to God" (Rom 6; 1Pe 2:16)!

### **Salvation/Gospel Perspective**

"My yoke is easy" (Mt 11:30) implies a scale; therefore, though "easy", there's still work commanded of the slave.

### **Learning Is Labor**

Faith is never something we work for. It is a gift. It saves us at salvation and sanctifies us afterwards. It seems the real "work" for man is in learning to receive it by grace.

### **Around the Wicked Gate (Faith Very Simple)**

Charles Spurgeon

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*To many, faith seems a hard thing. The truth is, it is only hard because it is easy.*

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*The fact is, we do not believe that God means what He is saying; we act as if it could not be true.*

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*No one took the gift; but every one thought. Each one had his theory, except the simple-minded boy who believed what he was told, and got the watch.*

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*Happy should we be if we would trust, and raise no questions of any sort. But, alas! we will get thinking and doubting.*

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*When inquirers accept the Bible as literally true, and see that Jesus is really given to all who trust Him, all the difficulty about understanding the way of salvation vanishes like the morning's frost at the rising of the sun.*

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*Faith will not long seem a difficulty to you; nor ought it to be so, for it is simple. Faith is trusting, trusting wholly upon the person, work, merit, and power of the Son of God.*

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*Faith is greatly needed by you who are strangers to spiritual things; you seem lost while we are talking about them. But oh, how simple it is to us who have the new life, and have communion with spiritual realities!*

**Around the Wicked Gate Spurgeon**

*We have a Father to whom we speak, and He hears us, and a blessed Savior who hears our heart's longings, and helps us in our struggles against sin. It is all plain to him that understands. May it now be plain to you!*