

# North Christian Church - Pastor Ed Collins

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9/8/15 - Justification By Faith - Part 2

## **Outline:**

### **Divine Viewpoint (Omniscience)**

To God, the plan of salvation (justification by faith) and the means (the Cross) have always been simultaneously observed by Him. Therefore, the difficulties we might have as humans are nothing to Him.

### **Divine Viewpoint**

God's mercy, while it provided a grace solution to the sin issue, does NOT excuse the sin of unbelief. It does not excuse those who "suppress" the truth about Him (ala Rom 1).

### **Suppressing God**

Someone may say to you, "God doesn't exist!" They may say that until they are blue in the face, but God, their Creator, assures us that they know better.

### **Gal 3:24 [Amplified]**

*So that the Law served [to us Jews] as our trainer [our guardian, our guide to Christ, to lead us] until Christ [came], that we might be justified (declared righteous, put in right standing with God) by and through faith.*

### **Exclusivity and the Gospel**

Paul had to dispel of the Jewish tendency to make the Gospel artificially exclusive. They wanted to believe that justification came through the Law (which would leave non-Jews unable to be saved). It's faith alone.

### **Blasphemy of the Spirit**

If a person says, "No, I don't need a Savior!" then they are saying "no" to God's face, while He's looking them square in the eyes of their soul!

**John 15:13**

*"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."*

- Jesus