

# North Christian Church - Pastor Ed Collins

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## **Personifying Faith**

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### **Heb 11:1 [Amplified]**

*Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality-faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].*

## **Faith Takes Us Everywhere**

You don't need to understand every last aspect of the inner workings of a vehicle in order to have the faith necessary for it to take you from point A to B. Isn't that analogous to faith (by grace through faith ~= "vehicle") and sanctification (~= "destination")? Indeed!

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## **Sin Ability (Latin)**

- Non Posse Peccare: "not able to sin" (God)
- Posse Non Peccare: "able not to sin" (Jesus + regenerate)
- Non Posse Non Peccare: "not able not to sin" (unregenerate)

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### **Walking Directions**

Since most people don't know where to begin looking, He also gave spiritual gifts for the specific purpose of guiding believers (giving them directions regarding walking, telling them which way to go).

### **Go For It!**

Evangelize as if there were no tomorrow! Live in the imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (1Th 5:1-11), because it is imminent! Evangelize as if someone else's life depends upon it, because it does! And remember Jesus' words, "...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

### **"let us be sober"**

Paul is encouraging believers to "be" who God desires for each of us to be, experientially, which is not intoxicated with the lusts of the flesh and the desires of the world.

### **Sanctified As Evangelists**

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*I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you will bear his judgment, whoever he is.*

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### **Lk 20:25**

*And He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."*

### **What Sanctification Isn't**

We aren't meant to conquer darkness, Christ already did that for us. That's why we ought not spend all our time wrestling with something that's already dead to us! (Ro 6:10-14)

### **Sanctification**

No matter how fast you run backwards, you'll never escape darkness until you simply turn around and face the Light.

### **Sanctification From Darkness**

To whatever degree you're self-conscious (in the fleshly sense), to that same degree, you are facing the darkness. That viewpoint is the one the flesh has, by nature, so it'll always try to get you to face it, even though the fruit is bad.