

North Christian Church -

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United We Stand

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Isa 14:12

*"How you have fallen from heaven,
O star of the morning, son of the dawn!
You have been cut down to the earth,
You who have weakened the nations!"*

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Patience

Do not confuse encouragement from others as commandments from the Spirit. Conviction to "do" in the spiritual life MUST be from the Holy Spirit, not man. While encouragement is good (Heb 3:13), we mustn't try to mimic another's calling.

The Great Commission

"make disciples...teaching them to observe all that I commanded you" - Jesus sent His disciples (who were both saved and further educated) to make more disciples

(save and educate). Merely evangelizing does NOT complete the Great Commission.

New Converts

The truly converted will have a new thirst for truth, a hunger for it (a false profession will not produce the same results). To leave one of God's children "starving" is to violate the Great Commission. We ought to help them find a place to be fed (eg: Eph 4:11-12).

The Local Church

Most converts are already addicts, addicted to the world system. For years they have been intoxicated by it. Just because a person gets "clean" through a detox program (eg. saved), it doesn't mean they're no longer tempted! Recovered addicts require support programs (eg. spiritual addicts require churches).

The Local Church Mission

Once a person is saved, their first objective is to keep on learning the Word of God (imagine the attacks!). If/when we evangelize someone, we ought to encourage them to attend a sound church, under a sound pastor, such as w/ NCC. Our relationship with new believers shouldn't end after the Gospel presentation!!!

Ultimate Sanctification

This is the ultimate promise, and therefore the ultimate motivation, to living for Christ now, for living by faith while we still have time, and for going out and making disciples for our Lord, so we can honestly be a "fellow partaker" in His gospel, forever and ever, as we celebrate HIM for all eternity!

The Living Word

We rely on the Person and work of Jesus Christ. Our faith is wholly dependent upon His veracity. "He" (His Person) is the truest source of our "living hope" (1Pe 1:3).

Sanctification Perspectives

God's Perspective

- Sanctified (set apart for Him)

Man's Perspective ("phases")

- Positional (imputed R+ / judicially)
- Experiential (imparted R+ / daily)
- Ultimate (completed R+ / eternally)

Ultimate Sanctification

This is the final phase of the salvation process (1Th 5:23) - the glorification of the believer (Php 3:21) in the likeness of our Lord (Jn 8:54). It is guaranteed on the merits of Christ (Heb 10:10-14). It is realized at resurrection (Jn 11:25-26) when believers will be transformed and presented to the Lord as holy (Eph 1:4). (Eph 1:9-14; 1Jn 3:1-2)

The Eternal State Experience

- No more flesh with resurrection body (1Co 15)
- No more tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain (Rev 21:4)

- No more marriage or procreation (Mt 22:30)
- No need for the sun (Rev 22:5)

The Eternal Estate

We will spend eternity celebrating and worshipping!

God Saves and Sanctifies.