

# North Christian Church - Pastor Ed Collins

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## **Salvation Perspectives**

God's Perspective

- Salvation from sin

Man's Perspective ("tenses")

- Positional (from penalty of sin)
- Experiential (from power of sin)
- Ultimate (from presence of sin)

## **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)

## **Grace**

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### **Predestined to Suffer**

Jesus' suffering was a blessing to Him ("who for the joy set before Him endured the Cross" - Heb 12:2). We believers are called the same way, to suffer for Christ's sake (e.g.: for the Gospel)("For to you it has been granted [charizomai - suffering is a grace gift] for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake" - Php 1:29).

## **Grace**

You were PREDESTINED to prosper for Christ's sake, only the prosperity emphasized in the Bible is eternally weighted (Pr 16:11; Jn 4:36-38; Ro 6:20-22; 1Ti 6:6-21; Rev 3:18-21).

### **Discovering Wealth**

Since we live in a "prosperous" nation AND the Word of God says He will prosper us, shouldn't EVERY Christian take the time to see if their definition of "prosperity" matches up with God's???

**"regard one another as more important than yourselves"**

Describes what true humility looks like (Rom 12:10; Gal 5:13; Eph 5:21; 1Pe 5:5).

### **Doing TLJC's Business, Not Yours**

Grace is love. To "do business" with His currency (grace) is to love and lay down our lives for others. That's scripture, my friends - there's no escaping Truth - there's no excuse for the self-absorbed.

### **Doing TLJC's Business, Not Yours**

Attending an occasional charity event, making a donation, or doing something nice now and again for someone else does NOT constitute "regard one another as more important than yourselves"...ANYONE, even an unbeliever, can do those things, and does, in order to obtain more currency (creature credit).

### **Entitlement Issues**

You are not "entitled" to a prosperous life by world standards. When you were saved, as an adopted child, you were en-titled (in + title) to the wisdom in the Word regarding true prosperity.

### **Are You Wealthy or Poor?**

This, my friends, is an all-out reality check! To the degree that you put any stock in what others think, to that degree you are poor. If you think this is comical or something to be laughed off, you are broke already.

### **Wisdom**

Solomon was richer than you are now. He was wiser than you are, too. If those assumptions are true right now, and his conclusion after working for worldly stuff was "everything is futility and striving after wind," then what say you?

### **Why Does God Ordain Wealth?**

God will bless the earnings of the humble person by subsequently giving them the blessing of giving as an expression of Christ-like love towards others. Both blessings are from God, the latter being the greater of the two.

### **Courage Is Faith**

Are you going to put off addressing the obvious for another day?...or are you willing to address the problem that only seems to be visible when the Word speaks to your heart?...or are you going to continue swimming in the world's system of thinking, being double-minded?

### **False Prosperity**

Self-sanctifiers cling to false end goals and adhere to the maxim, "The ends justifies the means." Prosperity to self-sanctifiers appeals to the flesh.

### **True Prosperity**

The righteous cling to end goals given to them by God. They are not preoccupied with having to justify the means by which grace delivers them to prosperity; they enjoy ride, they live by faith (ala Ro 1:17).

### **Divine Perspective**

What Satan has done to frustrate your deliverance is insert the world's scale of values into your minds (often at a very young age) and then impose a sense of unrelenting urgency to "get going" before someone else beats you to the punch!

**False Urgencies**

The fruit of unrelenting hurriedness is anxiety. If you're consistently hurrying to achieve "prosperity", chances are something is wrong. It's quite possible you don't understand God's definition for prosperity or how He imparts it.

**Discerning End Goals**

The danger with perverted scale of value is that it produces wrong end goals...wrong objectives.

**Discerning End Goals**

An achievement-oriented society breeds a certain kind of arrogance towards God. It's tendency is to superimpose its definition of prosperity over God's. By establishing a perverse end-goal, the only thing left to do is execute the means. If the end-goal is perverted, then how will the means ever NOT be???