

# North Christian Church - Pastor Ed Collins

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## **God's Sovereignty, Our Accountability**

We fear God because we have an acute awareness of His authority over us. It is implicit. It is absolute.

### **Ps 23:4c**

*Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

## **The Whole Gospel**

The "first part" of the "good news" is that we ARE held accountable to a God of perfect integrity!

## **Victory In Jesus!**

The more of the big-picture you "see", the more free you will be!

## **What Gives???**

What does the miserable believer say to themselves when they read the likes of 1Th 5:16-18?

## **Deliverance Means Being Saved Daily**

Perspective is often the only relief a believer has available to them (the Word gives us perspective and the Spirit ensures us it is truth).

## **The Righteous Live By Faith**

Faith overcomes the world (1Jn 5:4). The world is wrought with sin and evil (Jn 3:19-21). However, Light always overcomes darkness.

## **Normal, Really???**

Be careful what you accept into your soul as "normal" or acceptable. What those closest to you might be trying to pawn off as "ok" may quite possibly be heinous to God. (2Co 11:13-15)

## **2Co 11:14 [Message]**

*Satan does it all the time, dressing up as a beautiful angel of light. So it shouldn't surprise us when his servants masquerade as servants of God.*

## **ONLY God Can Sanctify Man**

If you lose sight of the Gospel, you will doubt this basic truth and adopt a form of self-sanctification eventually.

**"is revealed"**

refers to the unveiling of the fruit of the righteousness given to believers from God at salvation; God sanctifies "from faith to faith", for it is BY faith that a man shall live as a Christian!

**Faith and Righteousness**

What Paul is getting at in Ro 1:17 when he says "this righteousness that we've received from God" is "revealed" is that it is revealed in such a way that faith is the channel for grace that sanctifies (at salvation and beyond - aka "from faith to faith").

**Our Deliverer**

God saves (delivers) us at every phase of sanctification. He gives us faith through which His grace is poured out. A believer "lives by faith".