

North Christian Church -

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Lopsidedness

Even well-intentioned man has a propensity for lopsidedness when it comes to Biblical principles. Balance is key when it comes to understanding grace.

Grace

Is it any less grace if a person has to "let go" of the burden of trying to save themselves???

Grace

It's not antagonistic to grace, nor is it work to simply let something go that stands between you and God - how could it be, given Jesus, Himself, said, "count the cost...deny self...repent...carry your cross"?

The Power of Grace Through Faith

God knew from eternity past that Jesus would never fail as the blameless and spotless Lamb. Yet, scripture says He really WAS tempted. By grace through faith, Jesus was delivered, despite the potentiality of failure.

God Ensures Our Faith Never Fails

This is a real, ever-present reality, an activity. He ensures that His children never "lose faith". He not only saves us daily, but He actively ensures our faith never fails, through a variety of ways.

God's Perspective On Salvation

While the Bible speaks plainly about the integrity of God never failing us, we have an even greater appreciation knowing that God keeps us saved because He loves us.

Our Family In Heaven

Each member of the Godhead is involved in securing our salvation. God loves us and desires that we understand that salvation is a family matter, not a contractual one (though God certainly honors His contracts).

God Ensures Our Faith Never Fails

One of the most magnificent truths of all for believers is knowing that by the

integrity and merits of Jesus Christ, we remain saved! How lovely to know that He won't let us go!!!

Peace is the result of true faith.

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)

God's Perspective

Your salvation and sanctification are the results of God's good work. He doesn't do these things because He has to; rather, He does them because He wants to. He loves you.

Col 3:1 [NLT]

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.

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Baker's Dictionary

The Holy Spirit is the dynamic of sanctification. Jesus said that he had to go away so that the Holy Spirit would indwell believers (Jn 14:16-20). The "Holy" Spirit is so named not because he is more holy than the Father and the Son, but because his specific ministry vis-a-vis salvation is sanctification (Ro 15:16; 1Th 4:3-4; 2Th 2:13; 1Pe 1:2).

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The Spirit that inspired the Word of God now uses it to sanctify. Jesus, therefore, prayed concerning his own, "Sanctify them by the truth" (Jn 17:17). The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth (John 16:13).

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The Holy Spirit not only is the restoration of the presence of God in believers; he also equips believers to serve the church and the world. As the fruit of the Spirit are the result of the reproduction of godly character in believers (Gal 5:22-23), so the gifts of the Spirit (Ro 12:4-6; 1 Co 12, 14) are the means by which believers serve others.

Jn 15:26

"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me."