

# North Christian Church - Pastor Ed Collins

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## **Synthesizing**

What does it mean to "live" the Gospel reality? And how does this compare to say, "living the spiritual life"? Are these different or one and the same concept? (ref: Ro 15:13-19)

### **Ro 15:15**

*But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God,*

### **Ro 15:18**

*For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,*

## **False Humility**

False humility is nothing more than covert arrogance in full bloom (ref: new book titled Covert Arrogance - coming soon). Saying things like, "Well, I don't want to bother God with that issue," is about as "off" as a person can get! It's arrogance in the sense that it assumes responsibility for God's work.

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### **"It is finished!"**

from tetelestai - used in ancient times regarding the complete satisfaction of a financial debt (e.g., on receipts for taxes); in context, refers to the completion of the work of redemption (cp Eph 2:8-9).

### **"then Christ died needlessly"**

possibly the greatest insult to the Person and work of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that any human could suggest; yet, that is exactly what any religion claiming certain sins were not paid for on the Cross are suggesting!

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### **Hiebert on 2Ti 3:5**

*"It is the fearful portrayal of an apostate Christendom, a new paganism masquerading under the name of Christianity."*

### **True Humility**

An interaction with God that involves an openness, an honesty, and even an undeniable boldness with Him. Arrogance says, "awe, shucks, don't worry about little ol' me, God,"; whereas humility says, "Show me grace!!!"

### **Jas 4:6 [Amplified]**

*But He gives us more and more grace [through the power of the Holy Spirit to defy sin and live an obedient life that reflects both our faith and our gratitude for our salvation]. Therefore, it says, "God is opposed to the proud and haughty, but [continually] gives [the gift of] grace to the humble [who turn away from self-righteousness]."*

### **Misguided Grace-Orientation**

To a person functioning in creature-credit, grace makes zero sense because they think in terms of "silver bullets", "chits" and "finite currency". This is in direct violation of Mt 25:29 & Lk 19:26.

### **Practical Sanctification**

Sanctification, though a reasonably "technical" term, is really about learning how to live a life of confidence in Christ, a life of peace with the Spirit's encouragement, and a sense of reality in the Gospel truth. In brief, sanctified means focusing on Jesus Christ to the point that everything else fades to the background.

### **Synthesize...**

- Jn 3:16 "For God so loved the world [ref: everyone], that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- Ro 9:21 Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?

### **Caution**

Sophomores (wise morons) are famous for making personal experiences with sanctification absolute doctrine. The more assertive then impose their doctrines upon others, stifling the spiritual growth of others. God made His children individually.

### **Practical Sanctification**

Being sanctified in Christ means understanding the depths of His love for you as an individual (you are "wonderfully made" - Psa 139:14). That is coupled with understanding that you are to relate to others from the uniqueness that is "you". Altogether, we comprise the "dynamic spiritual life".

### **Practical Sanctification**

It is very important for you to feel a sense of individuality, but not a loss of connection with others.

**Ro 1:17**

Describes the essence of life for a true believer. A person being saved (daily) is a person who is being sanctified (daily).

\*\*\* Sin-To-Righteousness diagram \*\*\*