

# North Christian Church - Pastor Ed Collins

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## **The Value of True Faith**

Faith is the only way to understand the supernatural things of God.

### **Jas 4:5-6 [Message]**

*You're cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way. And do you suppose God doesn't care? The proverb has it that "he's a fiercely jealous lover." And what he gives in love is far better than anything else you'll find. It's common knowledge that "God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble."*

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The beauty of faith is that it also gives us a transcendent peace. (Pro 12:20; Is 26:3; Jn 16:33; Ro 15:13; Php 4:6; 2Th 3:16; Heb 12:14; 1Pe 5:7)

### **Heb 11:1-2 [Message]**

*The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.*

## **Faith**

How is it that a young, ever-sickly child has more faith and is able to find a greater peace with their ailments than the adults in their life? By faith they have accepted their lot.

## **Faith's Perspective**

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## **Beautiful Things By Jordan Smith**

If once in your life, you wished you were someone else

If once in your life, you thought there was no way out

If once in your life, you lied to save yourself

Realize somehow there are beautiful things

We lie to ourselves and hope it will come undone

We bleed just the same and think we're the only ones  
So find, with the truth, you'll win  
Just be yourself, just be yourself  
Somehow we are beautiful things  
Somehow we are beautiful things  
Is a man allowed to feel this happy  
In a world that seems so sad?  
Lend me your violins and sing me your love song  
There's no fear in true love, there's no fear anymore  
No more, no more, no more, no more  
Just love  
Somehow we are beautiful things  
Dance with me and sing with me  
To the sounds when we make love  
Somehow those are beautiful things  
Fantasies and reveries are in a way Picasso paintings  
Somehow those are beautiful things  
Your God is a beautiful thing  
Our world is a beautiful thing  
Our mind is a beautiful thing  
Our bodies are beautiful things  
And colors and wonders are beautiful things  
Our voices are, your voices are  
Our voices, our voices  
Just sing, just sing  
Just sing your song  
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## **"sanctified by faith"**

reveals the nature of our sanctification; at salvation it is "by grace...through faith" (Eph 2:8-9), which sets the pattern for sanctification ("from faith (positional) to faith (experiential)" - Ro 1:17).

### **True Faith**

What's the difference between a watered down gospel and the full Gospel? The prior insufficiently presents the problem statement, which lacks the substance for consequence. The true Gospel is meant to stir up humility, if it is indeed present.

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### **Gratitude**

The easiest way to live a life of faith and sanctification is to fix our hope on Him...and be grateful for His love (the same love that hung on the Cross).

### **1Pe 1:9 [Message]**

*You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him-with laughter and singing. Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation.*

### **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)