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A.B Simpson Response Paper

Who is A.B Simpson? Born to a family of Scottish wealthy Merchants, Albert Benjamin Simpson was born on December 15, 1843 in Bayview, Canada. From an early age Simpson responded to the call God proclaimed on his life and though there were many trials and tribulations along the way he obeyed the call until his last moments. Simpson was a Canadian preacher, theologian, author, and founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA), an evangelical denomination with an emphasis on global evangelism. He grew up to be one of the most respected Christian figures in American evangelism. A well respected speaker who published over 70 books, edited a weekly magazine for nearly 40 years, and wrote many gospel songs and poems.

From his early ages A.B Simpson read John Williams' missionary biography then dedicated himself to God for missions. A.B Simpson accepted Christ as his Savior at the young age of fifteen and was "called by God to preach" the Gospel of Christ. Though the family had enough money to send him off to school they still expected him to work on the farm. To earn money for his move to Toronto and to take his seminary training he taught at a Teaching school. He graduated from Knox college and accepted his pastorate at the church. After eight years at the church, God led Simpson to Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Simpson recognized that God was using his weakness to move him into a closer and deeper love for Jesus Christ. His dependence on God became natural, and so did his

communion with Jesus. In Louisville, God gave Simpson a vision for a revival with the whole city. From that point on, Simpson began to live “a consecrated, crucified, and Christ-devoted life.” God’s call to those that were not saved was now a full-blown part of his life. Simpson became a pastor to the New York 13th Street Presbyterian Church. In 1881 he was rebaptized by immersion and experienced faith-healing of heart trouble. He later on resigned from the 13th Street Presbyterian Church in New York and founded the Gospel Tabernacle, where he launched various mission and healing activities, including rescue missions, an orphanage, healing homes, and outreach to immigrants. Simpson helped to form and head up two evangelization societies, The Christian Alliance and The Evangelical Missionary Alliance. As thousands joined these two groups, Simpson decided that the two to become one. In 1897, they became The Christian and Missionary Alliance. A.B Simpson defined the core theology of the C&MA more than 100 years ago, referring to it as the Fourfold Gospel. As we seek to know Jesus personally, being one with Him, He will reveal Himself as our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King. This is the heart of what the Alliance believes about Jesus and forms the foundation of all C&MA churches. The success of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in its goal of winning souls worldwide is shown by the fact that it has six times as many congregations overseas as it does in the United States. Albert's last words before he slipped into a coma at his death in 1919 were prayer for these churches.

In the scripture the Apostle Paul talks about how to live a holy life as a christian, if we want to please in God in everything we do, we have to submit our whole life to God and become the prisoner that we find In Eph 4:1 which states "Therefore I, the prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling for you have been called by God". No matter the age, the calling of God has been the dominant factor in the life of every saint. It is very important for us today as Christians, to be humble and obedient by letting God lead us in the right path. Therefore, it is our solemn responsibility to learn from our contemporain writer the nature of our calling and what plan God has for us which will help us discover our purpose in life. We should be consistent in the way we worship, pray, meditate on the word of God. one thing we should never ignore is the proposal of that calling. "Repentance" is the first requirement that God asks for every one who wants to be walking in the fields as Christian. Rom 11:29; states God never "repents," or "changes His purpose." What is God's purpose for us? the way He establishes His calling, never changes.

I grew up in a Christian family with my Dad being a Pastor. At my young age I used to attend church with my dad, something I had loved to do. It was my priority to spend time in the house of the Lord. Growing up I felt like something was missing, God was telling me " it is time that you take your own responsibility to walk with me" at the age of 16, I devoted my time and life to being a true Christian. The day I said yes to God life started getting harder because I began fighting my own moral and immoral battles.

Sometimes it feels like I'm on my own but God shows me favor in the midst of struggles, and never forsakes me.

The way to show Jesus that I love Him for all the things He's done in my life, is to be humble and Obedient. This means that I recognize that Jesus is my Savior, my Healer, and my King. As a student of Nyack College my personal take away from this class was a blessing, everything I had learned from the life of AB Simpson and the fourfold gospel was very inspirational. I learned from A B Simpson life ministry that the more you spend time with God, the more you will know Him, the more you seek him in prayer and read the word of God the more we will find him. I want to follow Jesus with all my heart and spirit. I want to say yes to Jesus and no to everything that can keep me away from seeing the glory of God, I don't want to stay in this crazy world where everything is upside down. Living a holy life is not an easy task. I want to please Jesus in everything I do. What a glorious day it will be, the day I will finally meet Jesus my Lord and my Savior face to face. What joy it will be, to be reunited with my loved ones, to live in such a beautiful place with joy and peace because Satan will be eliminated forever, the one who has created so much pain and suffering. When I think of all These blessings in my personal life my goal is to share the gospel with boldness and pray for those who don't know Jesus. And also it reminds me to continually work daily on my salvation, until I enter the promise land and live with The Lord Jesus Christ eternally.

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