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In a span of six weeks, Nyack Heritage introduced me to what a solemn covenant is and refueled my faith and understanding of God and of the scripture. Each week touched on a different subject regarding A.B Simpson's Fourfold Gospel, which presented topics that involved matters that a Christian encounters or should know about. A chapter was discussed each week totalling six chapters overall: Christ our Saviour, Christ our Sanctifier, Christ our Healer, Christ our Coming Lord, The Walk with God and Kept. Each of these chapters made a major impact in my understanding and views of the world and of Christ.

Christ Our Saviour regards salvation, it reminds us that Christ was sent to earth on a mission to save His people . The chapter mentions how Christ was created to be an example for us to follow to be able to be saved. Simpson explains that we are saved from the guilt of sin by Jesus dying on the cross for our sins. Jesus saves us from the wrath of God by showing us that what was happening was sinful and we had to follow God in order to be saved. Simpson reminds us through this chapter that we are forgiven for our sins because of the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross and now that we know the privilege we have, we have to spread to others the good news that Jesus saves. We have to teach others what we have learned which is that God is our only saviour and that we must open our hearts to Him in order to be saved.

Christ Our Sanctifier and Christ Our Healer both have to do with how God works in us. Christ is able to sanctify us of all of our sins and heal us as well in the process as long as we let him. These are two things that we cannot do on our own. We have learned that we must have a

relationship with God to be saved and we each have a role in our relationship with God and so does God. God's part in our relationship is to do what no one else is capable of doing, what we aren't able to do. We cannot be healed spiritually or emotionally when all human beings are hurt as well. Christ is the only perfect being that ever existed that can guide us through difficult times and heal us of our hurt and sorrow. A relationship is two sided, so when we think that Christ isn't listening he is actually healing us or sanctifying us without us even knowing.

Christ Our Coming Lord is a chapter that might be worrisome for those who aren't prepared for Christ's second coming. The chapter reminds us that as Christians we should be content when we hear that Christ is coming for His people, we should be spreading the Word to others so that they may prepare as well. When Christ comes for His people He will be looking for those who served Him and pleased Him with their daily lives. Not with words but with actions. The chapter also reminds us that although it is good to be a good person and help others this alone will not save us. We must have a relationship with Christ in order to be saved. Christ is ready to come into our lives but is waiting for us to allow Him. Christ's coming can happen at any second, no one knows when it will occur so this chapter has us as Christians thinking if we are prepared for Christ to come yet or not. If we aren't then we know there is something we should be changing. If we do not spread the word to others that Christ exists then Christ's death on the cross for our sins to be forgiven would have been for nothing. We have to let others know that Christ is coming soon.

The Walk with God shows us Christ's intentions when He was on earth and how He lived to please His father. This chapter makes the readers analyze what ones principles and or intentions we have in our lives. Christ had good intentions, for humanity to follow His father and be saved. This chapter helps the reader come to terms with what is important, we shouldn't be

prioritizing things that have no value to us in the end when we are no longer on earth. We will either spend eternity with Christ or otherwise so what we do now should reflect what we want our outcome to be. Simpson shows us through this chapter that one must care more about pleasing the Lord than others. We must act holy in our daily living, we must act in the way Christ did when He was on earth.

Chapter six, Kept is the final chapter Simpson writes in the Fourfold Gospel. This chapter is meant to encourage Christians to feel safe and protected by Christ. It assures us that God will take care of us through everything because He has promised us multiple times that He would. Whatever may be happening in the world, we should not fear because God has our best interest at heart. He knows what we need and even if it seems He isn't listening He knows when we need it. Sometimes in life we want things and get upset when God doesn't give it to us but sometimes God wants better things for us. This chapter reminded me that I am a child of our father God and that I am watched at every moment and protected and that God has big plans for me. God is working in ways that we don't realize, we just have to trust in Him always.

These six chapters helped shape me into a better Christian. I learned different things in each chapter that made me think of things in different perspectives and feel as though I am a better person for it. In this class I was encouraged to find out what my gifts from God are. I never worried to find out what my gifts are since I never noticed anything out of the ordinary in me. I see others have talents and I thought about it once in a while but never prayed for God to reveal my talents to me. Now I have realized that they are important through having to do the Powerpoint and am planning on praying to God to reveal what He has in store for me. I know that since I am His child He has great things for me, I just have to remain in prayer always so that He can help me. I have also acknowledged from doing the Powerpoint that it is important

that I know what my calling is from God. I need to do what God has called me to do, it should be my life's mission to do so.