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A. Christ Our Savior.

“Everything is about Christ” Vanduijn

The Bible states: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!  
(Rev. 7:10)

“Jesus became our savior because sin and its effects are both visible and palpable”. (pg. 9) The Word says: Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense, many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to many”. (Romans 5: 12-15) Therefore, we need a Savior.

What did Jesus save us from? Jesus delivered us from the curse, through Him who was made curse for us. He saved us from sin, the guilt and condemnation of our sins therefore sin has no dominion over us. He saved us from the wrath of God and delivered us from the curse of the law which is death. He saves us from an evil conscience. Salvation brought us into the favor and love of God the Father and secured our full acceptance in him. He delivered us from an evil heart, which is the source of all sin, and replaced it, with a new heart. Salvation frees us from the fear of death and eternal death.

As it is written: O death where is your sting? O hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Cor. 15:55-58).

Through Christ, God delivered us from Satan's power and kingdom: "he has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son." (Col.1:13). Jesus is our justification in the sight of God so that we can stand before him, as righteous beings.

Salvation gives us access to all heavenly blessings in Christ. In Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is our comforter; he helps us remember the Word, and he sanctified us with the truth of the Word. He comforts us in our tribulations, he guides us in the way set by God before the foundation of the earth, and he lives in us, the elects. Salvation comes to us through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the grace of God toward us, in his love he gave his only son (Jesus) as the only way for us to be saved. (Jn.3:16)

B. Chris our Sanctifier:

“Sanctify them by Your truth, your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes, I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.” (Jn. 17:17-19)

Sanctified by Christ means to be set apart for God, his purpose, and glory. Christ is our sanctifier because he is the truth, he is the Word of truth. It is an act of God’s grace and nothing else, and like Salvation, it must be asked for. We must ask God to sanctify us just as we ask him to save us. Sanctification is never something we obtain through our own efforts, (pg.23)

The author describes sanctification, as something like the construction of a new house. As new creatures in Christ, there must be an emptiness of all previous customs that are considered pagan, and take Christ ( Holy Spirit, The Word) as the new owners, because we were bought for him. When the Holy Spirit takes ownership of the new vessel, he begins the process of sanctification, through the Word. We become his disciples and therefore sanctified to be sent to bring the good news to everyone. Only the house that is founded upon the Rock of Ages will abide securely in the storms of life. (Matt.7:24-27).

The author said that Salvation is by grace alone and so is sanctification. This must first be a gift before it can ever grow in our lives. We only grow in our sanctification after we have received it as a gift from Christ himself. He makes emphasis that sanctification like salvation must be asked for.

Since I believe that Salvation in Christ intel all that have to do with heavenly blessings, and this includes sanctification, never thought that was something to be ask for separately, so I did ask the Father to sanctify me. Thank God for The Holy Spirit and the Word that helps us in our sanctified lives, given to us by God through Christ as a gift. A gift means one time, and afterward, we begin discovering what is in it. I believe when I answer the call of God through Christ, I chose to offer myself as a living sacrifice. The gift of Salvation encompasses all in one. Christ said on the cross, "it is finished." Sanctification is part of Christ's work on the cross.

Nevertheless, not having anything to lose I asked the Father to sanctify me, to set me apart, and to help me see with clarity his purpose for my life. I must say it, the gospel is about the good news of Christ. I am having difficulty accepting that there is four-fold gospel. Perhaps I am not understanding it all, there is so much more through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He was the ultimate sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins, and the only source of all heavenly blessings and that includes sanctification although it is a work in progress in the life of the believer through the Holy Spirit.

Also, sanctification is love, and love is the beginning of all that is right in the Christian life. This is the strongest feature in a sanctified life because love is what transforms a person. Sanctification bears the fruit of Christlike love. We know that when we are saved the Holy Spirit comes and dwells in us, and he begins the amazing work of transformation in us through the Word. And, as we grow in the knowledge of the truth, at the same time the fruit of Him begins to take place in us. (Gal 5:22) All is wrapped up in the gift of the Grace of God, through Jesus Christ.

## C. Christ our healer.

Christ is our healer. “He took our illness and bore our disease” (Matt. 8:17) “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” (Heb. 13:8) Salvation brought us healing. God said: I am the God who heals you. God send his son so that we may be healed from all the curses of the law and the power of darkness and death. God from the beginning of times has been a God that heals his people that obey and do his will. The Word said: “if you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For “I am the LORD who heals you.” (Ex.15:26). God is faithful to all diligent and faithful hearers, and doers of his Word. The best part of the new covenant is that is not dependent on our efforts but on Christ and The Holy Spirit and our submission to them.

God that been always the same, he is not a changeable God, today healing is available to all who believe. Jesus has not left us with just a future promise of hope, but he has made available to us abundant life, and that includes healing, for our minds, soul, and physical. We must recognize that wherever good is to be found, a counterfeit of it will appear. We have rely on all natural forms of healing and forsaken the divine healing of our God, because we just don't believe is for us today.

The Lord has heal me from many things especially from an ill mind, and a heart full of rage, and that for me is enough. Been sick mentally is truly not something that can ever be heal without the divine healing of Jesus Christ. Perhaps is because of that, that many of us are not healed, because we think is ok, God has done enough for me, and the thought of, I can handle this one on my own. Then again, I am just talking about me, but

I understand that my afflictions are not unique, nor are strange to anyone else. Jesus took our illnesses and that is the truth. It is not to be compared to any form of healing, for example, yoga, tai chi, or meditation. We as Christians must discern the difference.

“Divine healing is sourced in the Word of God alone” agreed! Simpson. Pg (36)

Divine healing is the work of The Holy Spirit: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord favor” (Lk 4:18-19). We must submit to the will of God’s promises of healing, act in faith, and repeat this process as many times as required until healing is received. Sometimes we get tired in the process and quit, therefore we reach a quicker form of healing, reaching out to a natural source of healing.

There is a part in this book where Simpson makes mentions that healing is dependent on fulfilling our call, or that God uses sickness for discipline. Well on this point I disagree, and perhaps not truly understand all behind brother Simpson’s testimony but one thing I know for sure is that God doesn’t tempt evil, but I also understand he allows many things to prove our faith to the devil, not to discipline us. God’s divine healing is based on receiving the gift of Salvation, which includes all heavenly blessings, including divine healing.

There’s so much to be learned about the blessings that come in being saved, and how we can teach ourselves to receive it all without a doubt. Paul asks: “O wretched man that I am, who can deliver me from this body of death? We as man fail to live in the power supplied by the Holy Spirit, we rather accept our nature as living in a body of sin and death. He continued by saying: “thank to be God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind, I serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin”. God through Jesus Christ brought us healing! And we must

praise him for the victory. There is a divine healing of our whole being but that will be fulfilled at our reunion with our King, at the second coming. Until then, the Holy Spirit will continue working in us, and complete every task that needs to be completed here in this world, and by the time our coming King we will be ready.

#### D. Chris our coming King.

The heart of the Gospel is Jesus Christ himself. (pg.77) Within the Gospel (good news) we are promised a return of our Savior and King. The second coming is the glorious culmination of this amazing, good news. It is at this point that God promises, ... “that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Those who have received Jesus Christ as their savior will rejoice but for those that have not, it will be a truly sad day, because for them is judgment. We are called to warn all of this immanent event, “This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw hi go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11) this is the account of what is to come.

The return of Jesus Christ is imminent whether we are ready or not. It is immanent within the Gospel. God only knows the day and time for His beloved Son to reappear here on earth. We are to be ready, expectantly day or night because it will happen in a blink of an eye. Simpson mentions that as we get close to this event, the church will grow but it will be a mix of the redeemed and the counterfeit. This will be a scary time because the Church that Christ returns to will be filled with the faithful and the fake (Matt.13). It will be a time of falling away, (2 Thess. 2:3) there will be members with a form of godliness (2Tim3:5-7) The love of many shall grow cold, (Matt.24:12)

It is considered that this event will be a premillennial event. He will first come for His own, holy death or alive waiting for His return, and we will be caught up to meet Him in the air. (1 Thess. 4:16-17). The wicked world will be left behind, and Simpson mentions something that shook my core, that we will not be missed or noticed gone because we are few. We are few because my hope is to be one of them, and I am sure everyone that has the same hope would love to be one of the few. Then will His judgment come against all enemies. (1 Cor. 15:23-28). There are two appearances of Jesus, first to his elects on the air, and second, The Lord will return with his bride, to judge the earth and will be ruled in the earth for thousand years. Simpson believes that during this time there will be the greatest revival and salvation available to as many as will want it, that's awesome! Behold the mercy and forbearance of our God with humanity!

The chief blessing of His return is Jesus himself. At this time, He will perfect our image as His own. Christ's return will bring to us our highest service because we will be so involved in his Kingdom doing what pleases him without a doubt. Satan will not be in the picture, alleluia! And the world will be blessed, with the beauty of the Lord. While we wait, we must be ready, faithful, and diligent in our King business. Preach the Gospel, heal the sick, be a witness to all the nations.

In conclusion, Christ is the center of it all, all is about Him. The gospel is more than just four blessings. It is good that we know with certainty what each means, to fully appreciate and enjoy the blessings available to us, but the gospel is one, and that is Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and His imminent return. I must say that the title had me fighting for a while. Simpson and Paul were laborers, faithful servants, watering, working, and warning the world of God's plan, but at the end of it all, it is God who gives the increase. We are not to recreate the plan but work within it. The Word said, "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollo, but ministers

through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase... (1Cor.3:5-11) There are blessings in our Salvation through Jesus Christ and that includes all mention, Salvation, sanctification, healing, and must surely His imminent return.

There is much for me to learn, and that is why I am here, and I must confess that I fight greatly making sure that I understand all concerning the LORD and his amazing gift of Salvation. I fight because I want to be right, I want to understand and comprehend with clarity everything about this amazing gift of Salvation. And I don't know if all written in this paper is what is wanted but it is what I understood. My hope is to find someone, a mentor who loves God and teaches (Simpson 2022) me how to rightly divide the Word. I know, I have the Holy Spirit, but I find in the way that everyone wants or has their own interpretation of what is written, and that is my fight, who do I believe? Of course, I will believe the report of the Lord. But because of this I cry many times and I feel alone. (Simpson 2022)

## Resources

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