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### Journal 1

Chapter 1 of *The Fourfold Gospel* centers around Christ's role as our savior. Essentially, this chapter covers the ins and outs of salvation from all perspectives. It outlines what it means to be saved, what salvation brings to us, how we receive salvation, and more, in order to show the benefits and blessings of committing ourselves to God. This section also emphasizes the importance of free will in salvation. Simpson explains this notion as we all have access to salvation, but it is up to us to choose this path of redemption.

This last point of free will is one that resonated with me deeply. While some Christians argue that our relationship with Christ is predetermined, I view that we have an abundance of free will. It is up to us to accept or reject God's love into our lives, and we continue to make the daily choice to personify the messages of Christ. Something that challenged me in this chapter was Simpson's interpretation of what salvation saves us from. While I agree with many points in this section, the thought that salvation "takes away the guilt of sin" is questionable to me. While God may forgive us for our previous sins after being saved, we should still feel guilt and remorse for sins we continue to commit. It is this guilt that shows our empathy and pushes us to do better in the name of Christ. Overall, I can apply this chapter to my life in relinquishing myself of fear. I tend to fear what is to come both in the future and after my passing, but I need to remember that I am saved by the Lord, and in Him I am secure.

This chapter was a good reminder of what it truly means to be saved. Not only our benefits, but in how we are able to honor the Lord through it. I suppose my primary questions are centered around the extensions of salvation. Do the intentions of those who are “lost” (as Simpson puts it) matter. While God is an omniscient God, how do a person’s intentions affect their salvation? If they do good deeds and spread the Gospel, can they still be saved if their actions are done for selfish goals of eternal life?