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Salvation is a glorious and beautiful act that has been given to us as a gift. In this chapter, we see precisely what God is saving us from. God is saving us from the guilt of sin, God's wrath from evil, the curse of the law, our evil conscience, our evil heart, the fear of death, Satan's power, and eternal death. God sits on His throne, in the Lord there is safety and refuge. This is why God is praised. He is the everlasting King.

The throne was made for an almighty. It was made for the one who we should show the most respect. God is the one who we should most respect. God is above all authority for He is the King of kings. I believe the gift of salvation could not be earned. It was given out of love, through love. Even though I am aware of my salvation and what Heaven entails, I am scared of death. I am afraid of death because life here on Earth is familiar to me, and the "unknown" is frightening.

What resonated with me was that Christians are not "only" justified. Being saved is what everyone in this world deeply longs for. When we come to terms with the understanding that sin makes us destined for eternal damnation, we understand the magnitude of salvation. There is nothing more important than being saved and accepting Jesus. It is the best thing that could have ever happened to us, and we have no part of it because it does not come from our works but from God's grace and love.

What challenged me was that I have to live out more of this freedom that God has given to me. This freedom that God has includes feelings of joy, peace, and a light spirit. I believe that sometimes we get too caught up in the situations that life throws at us that we forgot about the promises of God that he has set before us.

I can apply this to my life by knowing that salvation is by the grace of God, and I should live reminded of that every day. My life should reflect Christ in every step I take in my life, and how I deal with situations. Because of salvation, I now inherit God's Kingdom as my own.

I was born into God's family. God's love is eternal and the more I ponder on that love, the more I am able to stand in awe of that wonder. How can love last forever? What kind of love is this? It is unheard of here on Earth. It only comes from the Savior of the world.