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Chapter 1 of Simpsons Fourfold gospel starts by talking about salvation. The chapter used the quote "Salvation to our god which sitteth upon the throne and unto the lamb" to define what salvation means and then went on to say how Jesus died on the cross for us as christians to have salvation. The chapter shows its readers the functions of salvation by discussing what salvation saves us from, what it brings to us, the process of blessings that come from salvation and the steps for it as well.

The chapter says salvation saves us from the liability and punishment for past sins, it delivers us from Satan's temptation, delivers us from eternal death, it frees us from the fear of death and delivers us from an evil heart. Salvation saves us as christians from a lot of other things as well. Those were just some of the main points in the chapter. Next the chapter discussed what salvation brings to us. According to the chapter salvation gives us a new heart, it brings us into the love and favor of God, it brings us help from the holy spirit when needed, brings us to eternal life and opens the way for many blessings from God to come to us. Then the chapter goes on into the next paragraph to discuss the many ways these blessings can come to us. For example the chapter mentioned how salvation comes through the grace of the holy ghost or through the mercy and grace of God. Those are only two of the many other ways God's blessings come to us.

Something that resonated with me the most from this chapter is how the chapter showed how powerful salvation is. I never knew that salvation had so many functions in our lives as christians. I always understood that salvation was important but I didn't completely understand all of the blessings it brought and all of the things it helped us as christians stay away from. I feel like our salvation is a commitment with God saying you will do right and live as he wants us

to live, and this chapter definitely challenged me to take this more seriously because it is very important as christians.