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Regarding what this class has taught us and how A. B. Simpson built the foundations of what would soon become Nyack College/Alliance University, it was a journey to hear about it all. Simpson was a surprisingly deep character with his journey and his writings, especially his writings in “The Four-Fold Gospel”. He was able to rekindle the love of discovering what Jesus meant and His teachings. I was hoping for more insight on what I already knew and sought to expand on that, but not only was I able to achieve that, I was able to learn more than I even thought to realize.

From the writings in “The Four-Fold Gospel”, there were descriptions of certain Biblical terms and subjects that, for me, were not clearly understood before. The topic of what is salvation was a pretty standard image for me, how God saves us from sins because He died on the cross, but it goes deeper than that. How do we achieve salvation? What does salvation bring to us? Why should we achieve salvation in God? Questions like these are answered here. Salvation is achieved by repentance, coming to Jesus, and the conviction of sin. Then, salvation brings us a new heart and eternal life. We should achieve salvation because every man is responsible for their own soul’s salvation. There is also the topic of Divine healing and what it means. What is Divine healing? What is not Divine healing? How is Jesus our Divine healer? Divine healing is the work of the Holy Spirit through the body and the redemption work of Jesus Christ, Divine healing is not a faith cure nor is it mental healing, and Jesus is our Divine healer

by becoming our power to believe in. A topic that I was greatly appreciative of being talked about was the second coming of Christ and what it is exactly. What is Christ's coming? What is meant by the Millennium? In what order do these two events take place? Christ's coming is Him coming down from the Heavens to raise the dead in Him and to bring those in Him up to the heavens. The Millennium is the resurrection and re-union of the saints along with the complete exclusion of Satan from earth. Lastly, the event of Christ's coming comes before the Millennium. These lessons, while obvious to others, were of great importance to me. I was confused on what Christ's coming and the Millennium had as a connection to each other. It was empowering to learn about what salvation means to me, Jesus, and the world. It does so much for us and we can blindly ignore the blessings it comes with because we say that we believe in God and that is all. God as my Divine healer gives me much respect for God than I already had. The way He cares for us and wants us to be with Him is beautiful. In this journey of Nyack Heritage, I was able to learn what it means to be in Christ and how we can achieve this blessing.

Taking all this into account and in what I have been able to learn in Nyack College/Alliance University, I felt a sort of push into what God has for me. Seeing the love that has been shown to me and others, including the many topics of God's love heard throughout my time here, I felt a sort of connection to the word love, God's love. Lately, I have felt more inclined to show care for others, more than I already do, and it has been very rewarding. Feeling better about myself and in showing the image of God through my actions, I feel great pleasure in loving others.

In what I think God wants me to do, I think God wants me to share the image of God's love to the world. It is something I already try to do, but with this new meaning behind what God has shown me, this gives my caring an even greater purpose than I had thought. There are many

ways I try to do this and I keep finding beautiful ways of sharing God's love. For instance, just sharing time with friends is a way that I try to show love. This may be small but sometimes there is a sense that they need someone right now, and I will always be glad to be that someone. Regardless if they show it or not, knowing that they might be better for just sharing time with me is showing that I care for them and that this same love is what God shared with us. Along with that, my passion for art and design is another way I have tried to share love and care. Usually in breaks that I have, drawing and creating stuff for others is what I could be doing for hours. Seeing their reactions afterwards and being thankful for the time put into these works is what I love to see. Even the works that I have shared publicly are ones that I hope to make someone either smile or happy.

From what I currently do to what God has done to show me His path, an image of what God might have for me has been made. With how my love for the arts has connected with my passion for showing others that I care for them and love them, my mission feels like it goes even higher than what I had originally thought to do. In the future, I might see myself working for animation companies or even starting my own to share my stories. My parents have even been a great help in this journey that has grown into more than I ever thought. They have been nothing but supportive in my works and they have even helped me connect with others in these fields of art and animation. I am grateful to have parents as such to be by my side and to pick me up when I may think that what I am doing is not what should be happening.

Overall, the way Nyack/Alliance has been able to open my eyes and mind into what God may have for me is something that I am very grateful for. I hope to grow in my talents and in my faith in God, and I know that if this path is not the one God has for me, He will take care of the rest and clear a righteous future for me to live by.