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Final Response Paper

Taking Nyack Heritage this semester taught me a plethora of new things. This class is about the understanding of the missional and educational theory of A.B. Simpson, known as the founder of Nyack College, and the inspiration for Nyack's ongoing educational mission. While taking this class I kept an open mind waiting to learn new things.

A.B. Simpson emphasizes the four parts of Jesus Christ's mission in his set of sermons known as The Fourfold Gospel, the importance of salvation by trust in Jesus Christ as the only means of receiving sins' forgiveness and eternal life is emphasized by Simpson. Jesus as Sanctifier According to Simpson, after gaining salvation, Christians can receive sanctification with the help of the Holy Spirit, which leads to a life of holiness and the overcome of sin. Jesus as Healer According to Simpson, the Bible teaches that in addition to his role as Savior and Sanctifier, Jesus is also the Healer, able to treat both mental and physical illnesses through faith and prayer, Jesus as Coming King Simpson places a strong emphasis on the second coming of Jesus Christ and the necessity for Christians to be prepared for his return, both in terms of their purity and their evangelistic efforts to lead people to salvation, the comparisons between these four aspects of Jesus' mission give rise to a complete picture of the Christian life as a whole. Simpson thought that a more alive and fruitful Christian religion would result from a balanced

emphasis on all four aspects. As I read the Fourfold Gospel by A.B Simpson there were chapters we had to write a response on in a discussion post, while doing this I realized that other people have way different perspectives on things and half the time nobody is thinking the same thing because we all have our different views. Some things that stood out to me in this class were learning about and writing my solemn covenant. Before taking this class I never knew what a solemn covenant was, and it stands out to me because I realized you should always dedicate yourself to Christ no matter what. It also stood out to me because many commit their lives to God seeing that it is only right given the love and grace that God has provided them. The Bible teaches that although God intended for us to be in a relationship with Him, sin has caused that to no longer be the case. Christians are made right with God and given new life in Him by having trust in Jesus Christ. We are obligated to live a godly life since we are new creations. By doing this, we commit to God and live according to His will rather than our own. According to Mark 12:30, Christians are commanded to seek God's kingdom and righteousness above all else and to love him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Another thing that stood out to me was a discussion post about Christ being our savior where I wrote *"Jesus Christ is called "Christ Our Savior" because he is the one that delivers people from sin and evil. In doing just that, He became the final sacrifice for humanity's sins and gave salvation to everyone who trusted in Him. The Fourfold Gospel refers to Christ as our Savior because of this. It acknowledges the belief that people who believe in Christ will get forgiveness and eternal life because of his death on the cross and resurrection. This idea is important to Christianity and the foundation of its believers worldwide. "Christ Our Savior" means that Jesus has saved us from our sins, and guilt and has granted us eternal life. I can apply this to my life because there's not a day where God isn't mentioned or a day where I'm not speaking to God about something. God is always there to*

*listen to whatever you have to say, and he accepts you for who you are. The thing that stood out to me the most about this whole chapter was the title "Christ Our Savior" solely because I feel that God has saved me from so many things in life by just talking to him and it doesn't matter how long your conversations are at the end I always feel better and have a change of heart about certain things especially since I'm a hothead so when I speak to God I calm down and I think of other options instead of just being angry or even sad".* Lastly, what stood out to me was the fact that I was able to find myself through Christ a little bit by reading the fourfold gospel and I got a better understanding of why we need Christ in our lives. I know and sense that God is leading me to join the heritage of Alliance University because I trust that my God wouldn't steer me on the wrong path to success. I feel that God wants me to expand my knowledge and learn more about him and the bible so that our relationship can continue to grow stronger day by day. I feel that God is calling me to be the powerful and successful human being that he created to unlock my full potential and carry out the tasks He has given me. He will guide me as I proceed in faith. I will discover new things about myself and my connection with the Lord. I feel that God is calling me to help people seeing as he already guided me through the journey of becoming an EMT which I wouldn't have been able to finish without him. If I'm being honest college can get hard, especially if you juggle work, taking care of a family member, or even playing a sport. There have been multiple occasions where I said "I can't do this anymore or I want to drop out" God steered me away from that negativity and kept me on the right track. My mission is to make my relationship with God stronger and be the successful young woman I was created to be, I will graduate from college go to medical school and become a heart surgeon with faith and with God guiding me the whole way.