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Final Paper Proposal

In my final paper, I will be talking about the topic Soteriology. Soteriology is the doctrine of salvation. We all get salvation because of the undeserved grace and mercy of God in our lives when we sin against him. God is the God that forgives us no matter what we may have done in his sight. God knows who we really are. The scripture says in Ephesians 2:4,5, and 8, “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Thanks be unto God that he thought of us when he brought his son to die for us.

For the first resource I believe that may fit into my topic will be entitled God has had mercy on me: Theology and Soteriology in Philo of Alexandria’s De Sacrificiis Abelis Et Caini article by Scott Mackie. In the title itself it has said that God has had mercy on me. For those who may not be saved or lived a life as a Christian, God alone can decide where they can go after they die. I cannot say that a person will be going to heaven just because they are saved nor I cannot say a person is going to hell because of the actions they performed and established in the earth through words and actions.

My second article would be Soteriology in the Gospel of John which was written by Bruce R. Reichenbach. Reichenbach said about the Gospel of John, "To believe in Jesus is both believing that he is the Word of God, that what he says and claims is true, and also receiving him, an existential event. All of this comes about because God loves the world, the world he created and that still rejects him. He does not give up on it but sends his unique Son to it to save it". God is such an amazing God, he sent his own son just to die and John was being witness to being up close to Jesus as he saw Jesus dying for him and all those billions and billions of people in the world.

My third article would be Christ died for the ungodly: Narrative Soteriology by that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then the twelve". Jesus did not look upon how the people may have treated him while he was on earth. No matter how much Jesus preached, performed miracles, signs, wonders, Jesus moved with compassion and thoughtfulness for the godly and the ungodly people. Before he died, Jesus asked his father in heaven to forgive them for they knew not what they were doing. Even while the Romans were attacking and manipulating Jesus trusted God no matter what it seemed like.

My final thought of the article would be about Compassionate soteriology in Hebrews, 1 Peter, and Gospel of Mark by Kevin B. McCrudden. In these scriptures, we have several who had witnessed the amazing presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus while he was on earth. Also in these books we can see there are so many identities being known about Jesus whenever we are on his mind. His words are powerful and sharp. Jesus moves no matter where he is with full compassion and love for his people and those who may have not heard nor believe in his name.

The article said that, "Two examples from 1 Peter are helpful in clarifying this motif of Christ's continuing, compassionate presence to the faithful. First, the author of 1 Peter calls on the community to regard Jesus as the "guardian of your souls" in 1 Pet 2:25 even while acknowledging the painful experience of social derision at the hands of the dominant culture (1 Pet 3:13-16; 4:14). While Jesus was on the earth physically, he was no comparison to any man. If he said he will love us, he surely loves us. If he said he will do it, he will do it with and without us knowing what it is he could do for his people today.