Christian Doctrine Salvation (Conclusion)

Living in Light of the Cross

As believers, we recognize and cherish the work of Jesus Christ in saving us from our sin. However, sometimes we limit the significance of our salvation to an event in the past and fail to grasp how it impacts our lives today. Even in this moment, and every moment, we must realize that Christ's work on the cross has many ongoing benefits: We are able to live without the <u>guilt</u> of sin on our shoulders. We are able to live enjoying a <u>relationship</u> with our heavenly Father. We are able to live a life that <u>pleases</u> God. We are able to live without <u>fear</u> of the future. We are able to live experiencing the <u>love</u> of God every day. And we are able to live knowing an <u>eternity</u> with God awaits us. (<u>Titus 2:13-14</u>)

An Overwhelming Gratitude

Understanding the grace, love and compassion God has shown us through salvation is incredible. Recognizing that God sacrificed His Son for us is humbling. Knowing that Jesus Christ went to the cross in obedience to His Father to save mankind out of our hopeless state is amazing. An adequate show of gratitude may be beyond our ability, but living for Him and pleasing Him with our lives is all He asks for and desires. May our lives be lived in worship to the One who gave us His all. (Rom. 12:1-2)

A Willingness to Share

This study has given us a clearer picture of exactly what has been accomplished on the cross. This is good news for us as individuals, just as it is for <u>all humanity</u>. Salvation is a life changing experience, and our desire should be that others may experience the transformational power of the gospel as well. May our driving passion be to follow God's <u>command</u> to share the truth of the gospel with the lost and dying world around us. May we reach out to those who desperately need to find the <u>hope</u> that only our Savior can provide! (Matt. 28:19-20; Rom. 10:14-15)