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God's salvation plan stems from the inequities that the first man committed at the Garden of Eden. The subsequent generations of humankind have continued with the trail of sin. However, out of the abundance of the love of God and His mercies he initiated an elaborate reconciliatory process that would join man to Him forever. It implies that God had the perfect plan that encompassed sacrificing His only Holy and begotten Son to suffer on the torture stake or cross for the sins of the world. As such, whoever believes in him would not perish but have everlasting life or enjoy the episodes of salvation. This is evident in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life" (Bartholomew, Craig and Goheen 11).

Another scriptural text is in John 1:12 that records that "But all who have to receive him and believed in His name - He has given them the right to become God's children" (Frame 8). This means that for a person to be saved, one must recognize his or her sinful nature and believe that God sent Jesus Christ to die for the sins of the world so that it would be saved through His death. Introspectively, the fact that Jesus would give sinners and people the privilege and right to be called the children of God implies intrinsic salvation. As a result, the primary route of salvation as was intended by God involved the situation where the sinners accepted and recognized the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

During my childhood times, I had a rather comfortable lifestyle because our family enjoyed relative wealth and prosperity. However, during my youthful years, we experienced economic and social hardships in our life. It was at this moment that I came to the realization that all things in the human realm and society are vanity and short-lived, including life itself. So, it dawned on me to seek something eternal, permanent and everlasting. I then committed myself and life to Jesus Christ as a trial technique. I must mention that I have enjoyed tremendous peace and hope of a future in heaven. Thus, the trying moments in my youthful period led me to commit my life to Jesus Christ and have remained in Him ever since.

In my youthful days, I struggled and experienced difficulties searching for employment opportunities. Conventionally, most youths are expected to hustle and fend for themselves and support their families by extension. However, I endured a rather lengthy period of financial hardship, and it became even more difficult to explain to my family and society why things were not working well for me. This period strengthened my faith, basing from the predicaments that Job endured as a servant of God. As a result, I came to appreciate the might of God and my faith grew even stronger since such hardships only test our faith temporarily. In brief, I compared the minor hardships that I experienced and realized that there are bigger tribulations, but the irreducible minimum is that the power of God reigns supreme and is everlasting. As time went by, the power of God sustained me and I would get by. In the fullness of time, I can say that I experienced the hand and might of God because I remained steadfast in Him through payer. Thus, this was a lesson that God overcomes all things and it is upon us to rely on Him no matter the circumstances. So, I grew in faith when God provided for me during such trying times because I never lacked even though I did not have a job.

My daily Bible Study begins with routine morning devotion where I get daily scriptures from a rotational plan we were given in church. As such, I follow the rotational scriptures and conduct a personal prayer session or time in the early hours of the morning. This also gives me a conducive time and opportunity to prepare for our group session where we study the Bible with other friends during daily lunch breaks (Frye 34). During our daily meetings, we share our experiences in the journey of faith with the intention of encouraging one another. Intuitively, we are a group of friends who meet to share the Bible scriptures and learn from the word of God. In practice, we consider ourselves as equal and routinely assign people the chance to share and preach within our cycle as we grow in our walk and faith in Jesus Christ.

It is my respectful belief that I have a strong inclination and skewness towards urban ministries in the wake of changing cultural and social beliefs. This stems from the fact that the society has in the recent past experienced episodes of changing cultural perceptions that threaten to cloud the irreducible principles of the Bible. As such, it is critical that a person is well and properly equipped with the right information that would assist him or her to share and teach the society accordingly. I believe that the teachings and lessons that I would learn from Columbia International University (CIU) would assist me to appreciate the changing cultures and Biblical principles. I hold the respectful opinion that the training that I will obtain from Columbia International University (CIU) will help me to grow into a holistic Christian in the wake of socio-cultural changes.

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