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Schaeffer Scholarship Essay

Understanding and living like a Christian can be a hard process for some people to grasp. In today's world, many people believe that being a Christian is believing in God and following the rules of the bible without fail. Over the course of my study of the Thinking Like A Christian book, I have learned that being a Christian means so much more than that. Being a Christian means an eternity of happiness and peace knowing you did your best. Christianity is an amazing and fool-proof process that anyone can accomplish with a little bit of dedication.

This brings us to the first lesson, Theology. The key idea of this chapter as stated in the text is, “Christ’s teachings and actions as revealed in the Bible provide the cornerstone for special revelation and a solid foundation for Christian theism.” Special revelation is the most important thing to me that is revealed in this chapter. Special revelation is the belief that God has revealed Himself to us and in a special way gave us evidence of that in his divine acts and words that are contained in the Bible. This is God's communication with us and is one of the most important lessons about being a Christian. For the people that struggle to know God, I always bring up this topic and how the evidence is all around us in our everyday lives. If people would just take a break from their busy lives and take a look around them they would see how much beauty and joy He has provided us with.

The next chapter I would like to discuss is the Biology chapter. In this lesson, it states, “Christianity trusts the authority of Genesis as well as declarations about creation, such as those in Mark 10:6 and Colossians 1:16.” It also states,” Science and Christianity are demonstrated to be compatible and to declare in unison that God created all things.” This lesson is very controversial as a lot of people believe in the “Big Bang”. However, I believe that a true cornerstone to being a Christian is believing in God’s creation of the universe. God created this universe and died on it so we could live in sin and be free to follow him. The Bible is full of instances of God’s creations, and as a Christian to know and believe that He is capable of anything by creating the universe we live in is very crucial. Without believing that God created this universe for us is doubting His power.

In Genesis 1:27 it states,” So God created man in His own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female.” This quote falls into the debate of psychology and Christianity being competing faiths. In the Christian’s eyes, we acknowledge the existence of the supernatural and consciousness within man. However, personally, I believe that our conscious mind is influenced by God especially when it comes to what is right and what is wrong. God speaks to us in many ways every single day and sometimes we do not even realize it. The conscious mind is the strongest way God communicates to us, in my eyes, protecting us from what is wrong and influencing us on what is right.

Another lesson that stood out to me was the history lesson. The key idea of this chapter states,” Archaeology has consistently supported the assertion that the Bible is a trustworthy historical document.” As a Christian, it is important to believe in what the Bible tells us and trust in God that the Bible was written for us to follow in his footsteps and live our life through him. In this chapter, it discusses some of the most important key ideas for being a Christian. Being a Christian is believing that Jesus Christ appeared in the human form about two thousand years ago and sacrificed Himself on the cross for all of our sins. Along with that is believing that God raised Jesus Christ on the third day after his crucifixion. This chapter taught me the history of Jesus Christ and made me realize what being a faithful Christian truly means.

In conclusion, this book has taught me what being a Christian truly means to me. Overall, the part that most impacted me was at the end. At the end of the lesson, it states the question “what are we to do?” The list states the following that stood out to me,” pray, rebuild the foundations, and spread the word with courage and conviction.” Firstly, I believe it is most important to pray. I cannot count the times I have been hopeless and prayed to God to help me find my way. Without praying and my faith in God I would not be where I am today. Secondly, is rebuilding the foundation. Rebuilding the foundations to me means rebuilding our community and our faith in God. In this generation, so many people doubt and question the authority of God. If we would follow our faith and stop doubting God then our community would be stronger as Christians and as people. Following God's ways makes you a good person inside and out. The last thing that stuck with me was spreading the word with courage and conviction. Many people out there claim they are Christian but are embarrassed to speak out in His name. God created us to spread His word. If we are embarrassed to spread His name, then we are failing as Christians. This generation needs to hear the word of God and accept hearing the word of God instead of being defensive when someone wants to discuss His name with them. Louisiana College is the perfect opportunity for students to spread their wings and study what it means to be a true Christian. I am very excited to study the word of God and develop my Christianity. I deeply wish that more students had the opportunity to study the Lord while in school so that we could all have that amazing privilege. Finally, the quote that sticks with me is this, “In every discipline, the Christian worldview shines brighter than its competition.”