

## **Introduction**

John 17:3 (NASB 95) 3 “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

All true Christians have found salvation in Jesus Christ alone. No rituals, prayers, sacrifices, or joining the right group brings any human to God. The great, infinite, pure God comes down to some humans in a poor state to remove and forgive their sins. God cleanses these humans from sin by taking the sin away through Jesus Christ alone. Look no further than Jesus Christ. Humans have salvation from the sinful nature that Adam passed down to his children. Please see Ephesians 2:1-7 with Romans 5:14-18 and Psalms 58:3. What is eternal life? Eternal life is a gift from God where God knows humans. All humans exist forever after death in conscious hell or God’s glorious heaven. It is not living forever. Please see John 17:1-3. Humans in Jesus Christ have their sins as a debt to God forgiven. The call to repent of sin from Christians speaking is God’s activity for the sinful world. Non-believers still have a debt of sin that leads them to God’s justice. God’s justice leads many humans into a miserable conscious state in hell forever because of the refusal to turn to Christ. The sinful world cannot see God as Christians do because of sin and a lack of repenting to rest in Jesus Christ. Christians owe praise through action and speech to God because of God’s mercy. Why? God comes to some humans in sin with no obligation to rescue from sin. God is active among Christians in various ways through salvation. All Christians have guidance on the same path because the Bible does not change what it means. The common faith is the common and good teaching for all Christians. God commands and encourages His people.

This book seeks to summarize the Triune God’s activity throughout the Christian life. This starts with God saving from sin. The Bible becomes the path of light that all Christians need to learn in the local church. God continues His work accomplishing what He desires because the words of the Bible are alive and active through God the Holy Spirit. The Bible and the Holy Spirit work together. This is essential to Christians. God’s strength is present in all Christians to follow the teachings of the common faith. All Christians will struggle with the remaining effects of sin after salvation. God’s activity will assist all Christians through many struggles. All true Christians will overcome struggles because Christ Jesus has defeated sin. Sin may seem to have won. No struggle with sin will overcome Christians because of Jesus Christ. Listen to God’s word over feelings and thoughts. Christians have hope only because of Jesus Christ.

Many books seek to make an argument for their position. This book will assume that the teachings found in the 1689 Confession of Faith are true. The teachings of God do not

change. There will be discussions throughout this book for reflections that come from the Bible as good teaching. Good teaching is the same for all Christians. This book will discuss tools that Christians have used for hundreds to thousands of years that are written to protect and teach Christians. The 1689 Confession of Faith is a guard to protect against error or poor teaching. Christians should learn to use such tools. There is wisdom in learning from the past. Each chapter will have reflective questions for further reflection at home and in the local church.

May this book comfort Christians in knowing how God is active among His people. The local church is the place with many spiritual activities where God works what He desires. The Triune God is working among His people that should lead all Christians to praise. May God have all the glory and praise for His activity on earth. Amen!