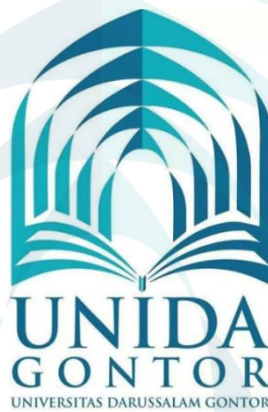


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ABSTRAK

KONSEP KESELAMATAN DALAM KRISTEN CALVINIS DAN LUTHERAN

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Konsep keselamatan merupakan salah satu tema sentral dalam kekristenan, khususnya dalam tradisi Kristen Protestan. Beragam pandangan mengenai keselamatan muncul dari denominasi yang berbeda, termasuk aliran Calvinis dan Lutheran. Skripsi ini membahas pemikiran Lutheran yang dipengaruhi oleh Martin Luther dan pemikiran Calvinis yang dipengaruhi oleh John Calvin tentang keselamatan. Latar belakang penelitian adalah perbedaan pandangan mengenai keselamatan yang mempengaruhi pemahaman teologi Kristen, khususnya dalam hal peran kehendak manusia dan anugerah ilahi.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis konsep keselamatan menurut Martin Luther dalam konteks Kristen Protestan Lutheran, serta membandingkannya secara implisit dengan pandangan Calvinis. Dengan demikian, penelitian ini diharapkan dapat memberikan kontribusi dalam memahami doktrin keselamatan yang menjadi dasar iman Kristen Protestan.

Metode penelitian yang digunakan adalah kualitatif dengan pendekatan teologis yang memberi pemahaman berbagai macam agama seperti persoalan doktrin, etika, penjelasan teks suci, dan menjawab berbagai pernyataan teologi para filosofis. Penulis juga menggunakan metode lainnya seperti metode deskriptif untuk menjelaskan karakter Calvin dan Luther, dan metode analisis untuk mengamati beberapa judul variabel dan juga, metode komparatif yang membandingkan kedua aliran Kristen Calvinis maupun Lutheran.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa Lutheran dan Calvinis memiliki kesamaan dan perbedaannya masing-masing dalam keselamatan. Sebagai contoh, dalam segi perbedaan kehendak Tuhan, bahwa keselamatan dalam pandangan Lutheran, adalah murni anugerah Allah melalui iman kepada Yesus yang mana Kehendak manusia terikat oleh dosa sedangkan pandangan Calvinis telah ditentukan melalui Predestinasi yang dimana sebelum manusia tercipta, Allah telah menakdirkan siapa saja yang selamat dan tidak. Konsep ini menjadi fondasi penting dalam pemahaman tentang keselamatan yang menekankan sola gratia (hanya oleh anugerah) dan sola fide (hanya oleh iman).

Sebagai saran, penelitian ini merekomendasikan kajian lebih lanjut tentang relevansi pemikiran keduanya dalam konteks teologi dan pastoral modern, terutama dalam menghadapi tantangan globalisasi dan pluralisme agama. Pemahaman yang mendalam tentang konsep keselamatan ini diharapkan dapat memperkaya dialog antar-denominasi dan memperkuat iman jemaat di tengah perubahan zaman.

Kata kunci: *Keselamatan, Calvinis, Lutheran.*

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The concept of salvation is a central theme in Christianity, particularly in the Protestant tradition. Various perspectives on salvation emerge from different denominations, including the Calvinist and Lutheran streams. This thesis research about Lutheran's view based on Martin Luther's thought and Calvinist's view based on John Calvin's thought about salvation. The background of this study lies in the differing views on salvation, which significantly influence Christian theological understanding, especially regarding the role of human will and divine grace.

This study aims to analyze the concept of salvation according to Martin Luther within the context of Lutheran Protestant Christianity and implicitly compare it with Calvinist views. Thus, this research is expected to contribute to a deeper understanding of the doctrine of salvation, which forms the foundation of the Protestant Christian faith.

The research is qualitative such as a theological approach for giving more comprehension of religious such as doctrinal issues, ethics, explanation of sacred texts, and answers or reflection on all kinds of various philosophical and theological inquiries. The writer also uses other methods such as descriptive methods to explain the character of Calvin and Luther, analysis methods for observing deeply through several title's variables and comparative method which compares both of Calvinist and Lutheran two influential Christian denominations.

The results reveal that Luther firmly rejects the notion of free will in matters of salvation. According to Luther, salvation is purely the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Human will is entirely bound by sin and incapable of choosing God without divine intervention. This concept is a foundational element of the Lutheran understanding of salvation, emphasizing *sola gratia* (grace alone) and *sola fide* (faith alone).

As a recommendation, the writer suggests further research on the relevance of Lutheran and Calvinist in modern theological and pastoral contexts, especially in addressing the challenges of globalization and religious pluralism. A deeper understanding of this concept of salvation is expected to enrich ecumenical dialogue among denominations and strengthen the faith of congregations amidst changing times.

Keywords: Salvation, Calvinist, Lutheran

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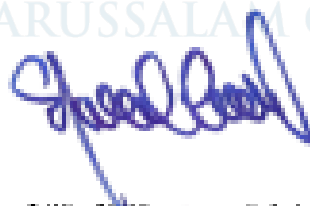
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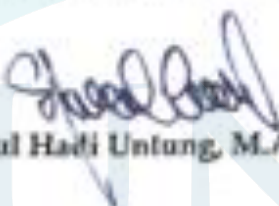
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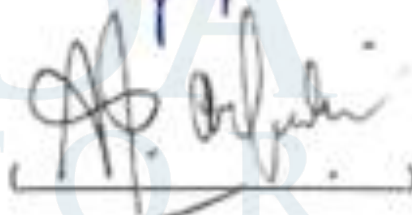


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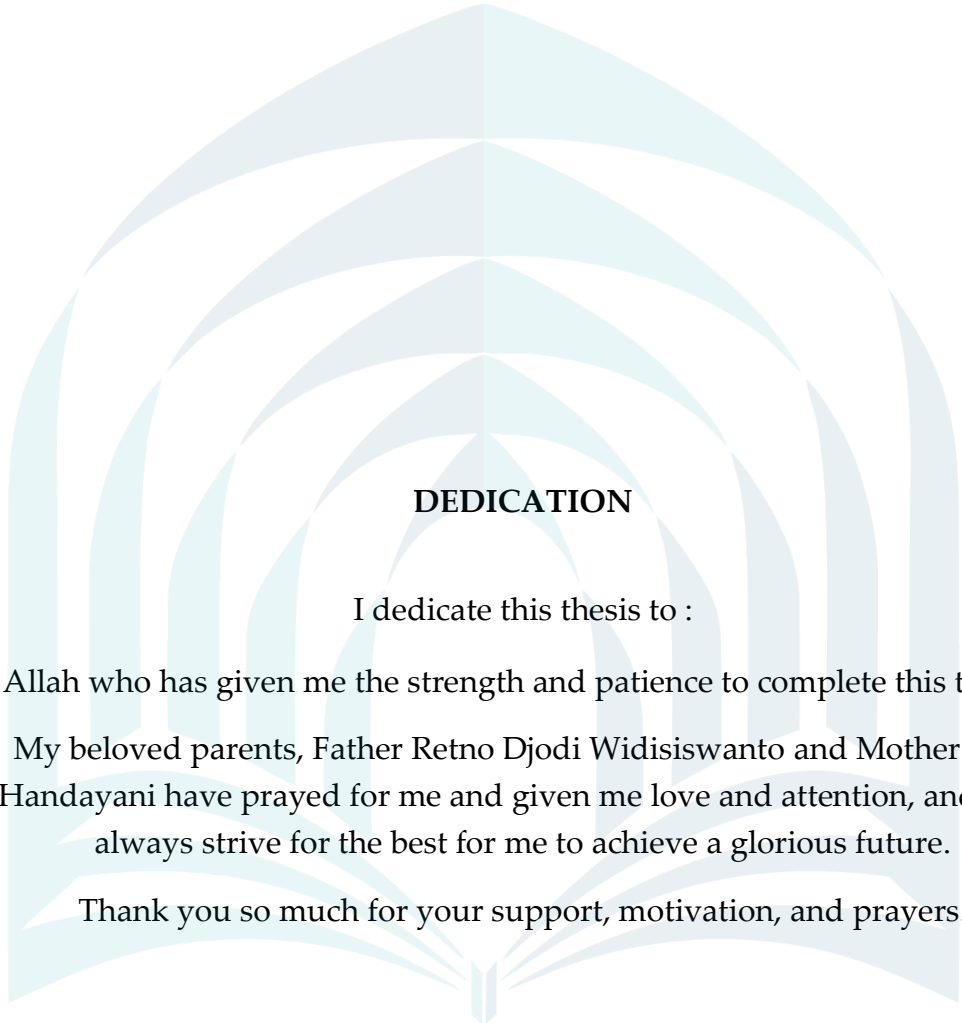
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