

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

It is worth realizing that the tragedy in Scobie's life as a believer is due to his lack of faith as his short coming. Scobie does not have a close relationship with God, so he can not trust God fully. He eventually becomes a ruined man because he can not overcome his flaw by relying upon God's mercy and help.

In seeing Scobie's tragedy, first we have to see the setting where he lives. The situation of his society has a bad influence to him. West Africa is depicted as the corrupted world, full of the widespread of crime, injustice, and violence. Therefore, he is hardly to find justice, happiness and peace. Actually, Scobie is a good hearted man, and because of the situation, finally he becomes a sinful man. Or in other words that the man who live in the harsh situation will act differently from the man who live in the more comfortable environment. Thus, it can be said that the environment can be related to the fall of man.

Scobie is a good example of a man who is torn between the morality that he gains from his faith and the immorality that he has to face. Greene shows us that Scobie's character is a weak but heroic man who tries to fill a church teaching

but he fails to understand God's love in his life. And the worst thing is that all who come in close contact with him are more or less tainted by his perception of them as an object of pity or scorn. It is true that a man should help each other as God wishes and he can not close his eyes if he sees the pain of others. Yet, there is a limitation that man can not go beyond. It is, then, man's trust in God should replace his effort in helping others.

Inner conflicts are the main causes of Scobie's tragedy. Scobie feels that he has a responsibility to make everyone happy, and if he can not achieve his moral duty, he regards himself as a failure. After betraying his wife, committing adultery, receiving communion without confession, and helping Yusef to smuggle diamonds, Scobie realizes that he chooses the wrong way. In his own despair he has a difficulty to understand God's love. Here, he forgets that God actually will never stop loving and caring him. God's love is too great and immeasurable to think of by men's limitation. Thus, in this part, it is a matter of trusting God to help men in every problem he faces, which Scobie fails to do.

Man can be tempted into sins during his lifetime since man can not be separated from the temptations in that cause him in conflicts. How man can overcome his trials and temptations in the precious moment in his life. Only by God's

help, man may have strength to get through and overcome them. God will help and strengthen man due to His glorious love. At the same time faith gives a man the power to be united in Christ with His loved ones who already been snatched away by death. Faith arouses the hope that they have found true love with God. And there lies The Heart of The Matter.. God's love still exists eventhough man never sees and realizes it. By having close relationship with God, man may have better understanding of God's love. As a result, man can lead a more joyful and peaceful life.