A photograph of a sunset over a beach. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow that reflects on the wet sand and the ocean. A path of footprints leads from the foreground towards the water. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and some wispy clouds.

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STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 1

-God's Love For Man-

Memory Verses: 1 John 3:1; Isaiah 53:5; Exodus 34:6

“The Father loves us, not because of the great propitiation, but He provided the propitiation because He loves us. Christ was the medium through which He could pour out His infinite love upon a fallen world.”– **Steps To Christ, Page 13**

1. *Our Father in Heaven is the Source of what?*
2. *What has brought woe and death?*
3. *What were appointed for man's good as part of the training needful in God's plan?*
4. *What is God's Plan?*
5. *What does the Word of God reveal?*
6. *Why did Jesus come to live among men?*
7. *How was Jesus able to reach man's wants?*
8. *In Jesus' intercourse with the people, He exercised what?*
9. *What did He denounce?*
10. *His life was one of?*
11. *Why did He come to live, suffer and die?*
12. *What broke the Heart of the Son of God?*
13. *Why was this Great Sacrifice not made in order to create in the Father's Heart a love for man?*
14. *What was the medium through which He could pour out His infinite Love upon a fallen world?*
15. *With what was Christ to identify Himself with?*
16. *What will Jesus bear before the Father's throne?*

17. *Why does God want man to be uplifted from the ruin and degradation of sin?*
18. *Through transgression, what do the sons of man become?*
19. *How can they become the sons of God?*
20. *How does Christ elevate humanity?*
21. *Fallen men may become worthy of the name "Sons of God" through what?*

"This was His work. He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by Satan. There were whole villages where there was not a moan of sickness in any house, for He had passed through them and healed all their sick. His work gave evidence of His divine anointing. Love, mercy, and compassion were revealed in every act of His life; His heart went out in tender sympathy to the children of men." – ***Steps to Christ, Page 11***

TASKS

Look at the wonderful and beautiful things of nature. Think of their marvelous adaptation to the needs and happiness, not only of man, but of all living creatures. The sunshine and the rain, that gladden and refresh the earth, the hills and seas and plains, all speak to us of the Creator's love.

Behold Him in the wilderness, in Gethsemane, upon the cross! The spotless Son of God took upon Himself the burden of sin.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God...through transgression the sons of man become subjects of Satan. Through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ the sons of Adam may become the sons of God. By assuming human nature, Christ elevates humanity. Fallen men are placed where, through connection with Christ, they may indeed become worthy of the name "sons of God." Such love is without a parallel. Children of the heavenly King! Precious promise! **Theme for the most profound meditation!**

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 1

1. **A. Life B. Wisdom C. Joy**
2. *Transgression of God's Law*
3. *The Difficulties and Trials*
4. *For man's uplifting from the Ruin and Degradation that Sin has wrought*
5. *God's Character*
6. *To reveal to the World the Infinite Love of God*
7. *He took man's nature*
8. *The greatest tact and thoughtful, and kind attention*
9. **A. Hypocrisy B. Unbelief C. Iniquity**
10. *Self-Denial and Thoughtful care for others*
11. *To Redeem us*
12. **A. The Burden of sin B. The sense of Sin's terrible enormity C. Sin's separation of the soul from God.**
13. **JOHN 3:16**
14. *Jesus Christ*
15. *The interests and needs of Humanity*
16. *Our human form*
17. *That he may reflect the Love of God and share the joy in Holiness*
18. *Subjects of Satan*

19. Through Faith in the Atoning Sacrifice of Christ

20. By Assuming Human Nature

21. Connection with Christ

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OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 3:17

Exodus 33:18-19

Exodus 34:6-7

Psalms 145:15-16

Isaiah 53:5

Jonah 4:2

Micah 7:18

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 11:27, 27:46

Luke 4:18

John 1:18, 3:16, 10:17, 14:8-9

2 Corinthians 5:19

1 Timothy 3:16

Hebrews 2:11

1 John 3:1

To God Be The Glory

Fanny Crosby

William Howard Doane

1. To God be the glor - y, great things He has done; So loved He
2. O per - - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - ery
3. Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our

the world that He gave us His Son Who yield - - ed His life an a -
be - - lie - ver the pro - mise of God; The vil - - est o - ffend - er who
re - - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; But pur - - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the life gate that all may go in.
tru - ly be - - lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - - ceives.
great - er will be Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - - joice! O come to the Fa - ther, through

Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glor - y, great things He has done.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 1

**Webster's 1828 Dictionary – In Public Domain*

Degradation

A reducing in rank; the act of depriving one of a degree of honor, of dignity, or of rank; also, deposition;

The state of being reduced from an elevated or more honorable station, to one that is low in fact or in estimation; baseness; degeneracy.

Diminution or reduction of strength, efficacy or value.

Elevate

To exalt; to raise to higher state or station; as, to elevate a man to an office.

To improve, refine or dignify; to raise from or above low conceptions; as, to elevate the mind.

To raise from a low or common state; to exalt; as, to elevate the character; to elevate a nation.

Enormity

Literally, the transgression of a rule, or deviation from right. Hence, any wrong, irregular, vicious or sinful act, either in government or morals.

Atrocious crime; flagitious villainy; a crime which exceeds the common measure.

Atrociousness; excessive degree of crime or guilt. Punishment should be proportioned to the enormity of the crime.

Hypocrisy

Simulation; a feigning to be what one is not; or dissimulation, a concealment of one's real character or motives. More generally, hypocrisy is simulation, or the assuming of a false appearance of virtue or religion; a deceitful show of a good character, in morals or religion; a counterfeiting of religion.

Simulation; deceitful appearance; false pretence.

Intercourse

Communication; commerce; connection by reciprocal dealings between persons or nations, either in common affairs and civilities, in trade, or correspondence by letters.

Silent communication or exchange.

Propitiation

The atonement or atoning sacrifice offered to God

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 2

-The Sinners Need of Christ-

Memory Verses: Job 14:4; Acts 4:12; John 14:6

"Christ was the foundation of the whole Jewish economy. In the service of the Jewish priesthood we are continually reminded of the sacrifice and intercession of Christ. All who come to Christ today are to remember that His merit is the incense that mingles with the prayers of those who repent of their sins and receive pardon and mercy and grace. Our need of Christ's intercession is constant. Day by day, morning and evening, the humble heart needs to offer up prayers to which will be returned answers of grace and peace and joy. "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifice God is well pleased"

– **Bible Commentary Volume 6, 1078**

1. *What was man originally endowed with?*
2. *What happened through disobedience?*
3. *What was the condition of the unrenewed heart after sin?*
4. *Can the sinner be happy in God's presence?*
5. *Is it by arbitrary decree on the part of God that excludes the wicked from Heaven?*
6. *Is it possible for us to escape from the pit of sin?*
7. *What is needed before men can be changed from sin to Holiness?*
8. *What is the power referred to in question 7?*
9. *By which way could a sinner be restored to communion with God?*
10. *Through what did man alienate himself from God?*
11. *In what does Christ connect fallen man with the Source of Infinite Power?*
12. *Is there true excellence of character apart from Christ?*
13. *In giving up His Son, God has poured out what to us?*

14. *What should we try to do regarding the labour and energy that Heaven is expending to reclaim the lost?*
15. *What should be mighty incentives and encouragements to urge us to give the heart's loving service to our Creator and Redeemer?*
16. *What is presented in God's word to warn us against the service of Satan?*
17. *We should place ourselves in right relation to who?*
18. *We should avail ourselves of the means provided for us that we may be?*

"Remember that just as you are in your family, so will you be in the church. Just as you treat your children, so will you treat Christ. If you cherish an un-Christlike spirit, you are dishonoring God. . . . Position does not make the man. It is Christ formed within that makes a man worthy of receiving the crown of life, that fadeth not away. . . .

This is our washing and ironing time--the time when we are to cleanse our robes of character in the blood of the Lamb. John says, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." . . . Shall we not let Him take them away? Shall we not let our sins go."

– ***Bible Commentary Volume 5, 1131***

TASKS

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Oh, let us **contemplate the amazing sacrifice** that has been made for us! Let us try to **appreciate the labor and energy that Heaven is expending to reclaim the lost**, and bring them back to the Father's house.

Motives stronger, and agencies more powerful, could never be brought into operation; the exceeding rewards for right-doing, the enjoyment of heaven, the society of the angels, the communion and love of God and His Son, the elevation and extension of all our powers throughout eternal ages--are these not mighty incentives and encouragements to urge us to **give the heart's loving service to our Creator and Redeemer?**

Shall we not **regard the mercy of God?** What more could He do? **Let us place ourselves in right relation to Him** who has loved us with amazing love. **Let us avail ourselves of the means provided for us** that we may be transformed into His likeness, and be restored to fellowship with the ministering angels, to harmony and communion with the Father and the Son.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 2

1. **A. Noble Powers B. Well-Balanced Mind**
2. **A. His Powers were perverted B. Selfishness took the place of Love**
3. **A. Man could no longer find joy in Holiness B. He sought to hide from the presence of God**
4. **No**
5. **No, they are shut out by their own unfitness for it's companionship.**
6. **No, it is impossible for us of ourselves.**
7. **A. A Power working from within B. A new life from above**
8. **It is Christ**
9. **The Mystic Ladder = JESUS**
10. **Apostasy**
11. **In man's weakness and helplessness**
12. **No**
13. **All Heaven in one gift**
14. **Appreciate it**
15. **A. Exceeding rewards for right doing B. Enjoyment of Heaven
C. Society of the Angels D. Communion and Love of God and His Son
E. Elevation and Extension of all our powers throughout eternal ages**
16. **A. Judgments of God pronounced against sin B. Inevitable Retribution
C. Degradation of our character D. The final destruction**
17. **Him who has loved us with AMAZING LOVE**
18. **A. Transformed into His likeness B. Restored to fellowship with the ministering Angels. C. Restored to harmony & communion with the Father and the Son**

VERSE INDEX – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 2

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 14:4

NEW TESTAMENT

John 1:4, 29, 51; 3:3, 7; 14:6

Acts 4:12

Romans 7:12, 14, 16, 24; 8:7

1 Corinthians 2:14

Colossians 2:3

James 1:17

I Need Thee Every Hour

Annie S. Hawks

Robert Lowry

1. I need Thee ev - ery hour; Most gra - cious Lord;
2. I need Thee ev - ery hour; Stay Thou near by;
3. I need Thee ev - ery hour; In joy or pain;
4. I need Thee ev - ery hour; Teach me Thy will,

No ten - der voice like Thine Can peace af - ford.
Temp - ta - tions lose their power When Thou art nigh.
Come quick - ly and a - bide, Or life is vain.
And Thy rich prom - is - es In me ful - fill.

Refrain

I need Thee, O I need Thee! Ev - ery hour I need Thee;

O bless me now, my Sav - iour! I come to Thee.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 2

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Alienate

To estrange; to withdraw, as the affections; to make indifferent or averse, where love or friendship before subsisted; with from; as, to alienate the heart or affections; to alienate a man from the friends of his youth.

Apostasy

An abandonment of what one has professed; a total desertion, or departure from one's faith or religion.

Arbitrary

Depending on will or discretion; not governed by any fixed rules; as, an arbitrary decision; an arbitrary punishment.

Decree

In general, an order, edict or law made by a superior as a rule to govern inferiors. Established law, or rule.

In theology, predetermined purpose of God; the purpose or determination of an immutable Being, whose plan of operations is, like himself, unchangeable.

Endowed

Furnished with a portion of estate; having dower settled on; supplied with a permanent fund; indued.

Holiness

The state of being holy; purity or integrity of moral character; freedom from sin; sanctity.

Noble

Great; elevated; dignified; being above every thing that can dishonor reputation

Retribution

Repayment; return accommodated to the action; reward; compensation.

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 3

-Repentance - Part 1-

Memory Verses: Acts 3:19; Acts 5:31; Psalms 51:10-12

"There are many who fail to understand the true nature of repentance. Multitudes sorrow that they have sinned and even make an outward reformation because they fear that their wrongdoing will bring suffering upon themselves. But this is not repentance in the Bible sense. They lament the suffering rather than the sin."

– **Steps to Christ, Page 23**

1. *How shall a man be just with God? How shall the sinner be made righteous?*
2. *Repentance includes what?*
3. *We shall not renounce sin unless?*
4. *There will be no real change in the life until?*
5. *When the heart yields to the influence of the Spirit of God, what happens?*
6. *God's Holy Law is the foundation of what?*
7. *Must the sinner wait till he has repented before he can come to Jesus?*
8. *What leads to genuine repentance?*
9. *Christ is the only one that can implant what in the heart?*
10. *What is an evidence that His Spirit is moving upon our hearts?*
11. *What leads us to repentance?*
12. *In dying for sinners, Christ manifested a love that is incomprehensible; and as the sinner beholds this love, it does what?*

13. *The wickedness of their life is revealed when?*

14. *What will lead the sinner to the foot of the cross in repentance for his sins?*

15. *What things alone can give peace and rest?*

“Closely examine your own heart as in the light of eternity. Hide nothing from your examination. Search, oh! search, as for your life, and condemn yourself, pass judgment upon yourself, and then by faith claim the cleansing blood of Christ to remove the stains from your Christian character. Do not flatter or excuse yourself. Deal truly with your own soul. And then as you view yourself a sinner, fall, all broken, at the foot of the cross. Jesus will receive you...”

– **Maranatha, Chapter 49**

TASKS

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

How are we to come to Christ? Many are asking the same question as did the multitude on the Day of Pentecost, when, convicted of sin, they cried out, "What shall we do?" The first word of Peter's answer was, "**Repent.**" Acts 2:37, 38. At another time, shortly after, he said, "**Repent, . . . and be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out." Acts 3:19. Repentance includes **sorrow for sin and a turning away from it**. We shall not renounce sin unless we see its sinfulness; until we **turn away from it in heart**, there will be no real change in the life.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 3

1. *Only through Christ*
2. **A. Sorrow for sin B. Turning away from sin**
3. *We see it's sinfulness*
4. *We turn away from sin in heart*
5. **A. The conscience will be quickened B. The sinner will discern something of the depth and sacredness of God's Holy Law.**
6. *His Government in Heaven and on Earth*
7. *The Bible does not teach that the sinner must repent before he can heed the invitation of Christ.*
8. *The virtue that goes forth from Christ*
9. *Enmity against sin*
10. **A. Desire for truth and purity B. Conviction of our sinfulness**
11. *The Goodness of God.*
12. **A. Softens the heart B. Impresses the mind C. Inspires contrition in the soul**
13. *Christ draws them to look upon His cross, to behold Him which their sins have pierced.*
14. *A Knowledge of the plan of Salvation.*
15. **A. The Grace of Christ B. The joy of Holiness**

VERSE INDEX – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 3

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 32:1-2; 51:1, 3, 7, **10-12**, 14

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 11:28; 27:4

John 1:9; 12:32

Acts 2:37-38; **3:19**; **5:31**

Revelation 22:17

All to Jesus I Surrender

I surrender All. 8.7.8.7. With Refrain

J. W. Van De Venter

W. S. Weeden

1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, All to Him I free - ly give;
2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der; Hum - bly at His feet I bow,
3. All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der; Make me, Sav-iour, whol - ly Thine;
4. All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der; Now I feel the sa - cred flame.

I will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres-ence dai - ly live;
World - ly plea-sures all for-sak - en; Take me, Je - sus, take me now;
Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it, Tru - ly know that Thou art mine;
O the joy of full sal - va - tion! Glo - ry, glo - ry to His name!

Refrain

I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all;
I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,

All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav-iour, I sur - ren - der all.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 3

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Conscience

Internal or self-knowledge, or judgment of right and wrong; or the faculty, power or principle within us, which decides on the lawfulness or unlawfulness of our own actions and affections, and instantly approves or condemns them.

Contrition

Penitence; deep sorrow for sin; grief of heart for having offended and infinitely holy and benevolent God. The word is usually understood to mean genuine penitence, accompanied with a deep sense of ingratitude in the sinner, and sincere resolution to live in obedience to the divine law.

Lament

To mourn; to grieve; to weep or wail; to express sorrow.

To regret deeply; to feel sorrow.

Quickened

Made alive; revived; vivified; reinvigorated.

Virtue

Moral goodness; the practice of moral duties and the abstaining from vice, or a conformity of life and conversation to the moral law.

Acting power

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 3

-Repentance - Part 2-

Memory Verses: Psalms 139:23-24; 1 Timothy 1:15; Hebrews 3:7-8

“There remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.” Daniel 10:8. The soul thus touched will hate its selfishness, abhor its self-love, and will seek, through Christ's righteousness, for the purity of heart that is in harmony with the law of God and the character of Christ.” – **Steps to Christ, Page 29**

1. *Does God regard all sins as of equal magnitude?*
2. *When you see your sinfulness, what should you NOT do?*
3. *How should we come to Christ?*
4. *When men urge that God is too good to cast off the sinner, what should they do?*
5. *The love and suffering and death of the Son of God, all testify to what?*
6. *Only through what, is there escape from sin's power and hope of the higher life?*
7. *Can the sins and defects of others excuse anyone from sin?*
8. *Who has been given as our example?*
9. *The sin we do not overcome, will do what?*
10. *Every act of transgression, every neglect or rejection of the Grace of Christ is reacting upon yourself in what way?*
11. *What will even ONE wrong trait of character, ONE sinful desire, persistently cherished do?*
12. *Christ is ready to set us free from sin, but He does not do what?*

13. *When do we best realize the sinfulness of sin?*

“Many are quieting a troubled conscience with the thought that they can change a course of evil when they choose; that they can trifle with the invitations of mercy, and yet be again and again impressed. They think that after doing despite to the Spirit of grace, after casting their influence on the side of Satan, in a moment of terrible extremity they can change their course. But this is not so easily done. The experience, the education, of a lifetime, has so thoroughly molded the character that few then desire to receive the image of Jesus.” – ***Steps to Christ, Page 33***

TASKS

Ask Him to give you repentance, to reveal Christ to you in His infinite love, in His perfect purity.

Christ is ready to set us free from sin, but He does not force the will; ...
"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
"Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

Go to Him with your soul all stained as it is. Like the psalmist, throw its chambers open to the all-seeing eye, **exclaiming, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Let it be your prayer, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10. **Deal truly with your own soul. Be as earnest, as persistent, as you would be if your mortal life were at stake.** This is a matter to be settled between God and your own soul, settled for eternity.

Study God's word prayerfully. That word presents before you, in the law of God and the life of Christ, the great principles of holiness, without which "no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14. It convinces of sin; it plainly reveals the way of salvation. **Give heed to it** as the voice of God speaking to your soul.

As you see the enormity of sin, as you see yourself as you really are, **do not give up to despair.** It was sinners that Christ came to save.

When Satan comes to tell you that you are a great sinner, **look up to your Redeemer and talk of His merits.** That which will help you is to **look to His light. Acknowledge your sin,** but **tell the enemy** that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" and that you may be saved by His matchless love.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 3

1. *No, He does not*
2. *Wait to make yourself better*
3. *Just as we are*
4. *Let them look to Calvary*
5. *The terrible enormity of sin*
6. *Through the submission of the soul to Christ*
7. *No, the Lord has not given us an erring human pattern*
8. *The spotless Son of God*
9. *Overcome us and work out our destruction*
10. **A.** *In Hardening the heart* **B.** *Depraving the will* **C.** *Benumbing the understanding*
D. *Less inclined to yield* **E.** *Less Capable of yielding to the tender pleading of God's Holy Spirit.*
11. *It will eventually neutralize all power of the Gospel.*
12. *Force the will*
13. *When we most fully comprehend the love of God.*

VERSE INDEX – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 3

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Samuel 16:7

Psalms 51:10; **139:23-24**

Proverbs 5:22

Jeremiah 13:23

Daniel 10:8

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 7:43; 18:13

Romans 7:9

2 Corinthians 5:19; 6:2

Philippians 3:6

1 Timothy 1:15

Hebrews 3:7-8; 12:14

Just As I Am

Charlotte Elliott,

William B. Bradbury

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, but
 2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to
 3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with
 4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight,
 5. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, wilt
 6. Just as I am, Thy love un - known hath

that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me
 rid my soul of one dark blot, to Thee, whose blood can
 man - ya con - flict, man - ya doubt, fight - ings and fears, with -
 rich - es, heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need in
 wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause Thy prom - ise
 bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be Thine, yea,

come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 Thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 3

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Benumbing – Benum

To make torpid; to deprive of sensation; as, a hand or foot benumbed by cold.

To stupify; to render inactive; as, to benum the senses.

Deprav(e)-ing

To make bad or worse; to impair good qualities; to make bad qualities worse; to vitiate; to corrupt; as, to deprave manners, morals, government, laws; to deprave the heart, mind, will, understanding, taste, principles

Indulge[d]

To permit to be or to continue; to suffer; not to restrain or oppose; as, to indulge sloth; to indulge the passions; to indulge pride, selfishness or inclinations.

...not to check or restrain the will, appetite or desire;...

Procrastination

A putting off to a future time; delay;

Submission

The act of submitting; the act of yielding to power or authority; surrender of the person and power to the control or government of another.

Obedience; compliance with the commands or laws of a superior.

...a yielding of one's will to the will or appointment of a superior without murmuring.

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 4

-Confession-

Memory Verses: 1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13; Isaiah 1:16-17

“If we have not experienced that repentance which is not to be repented of, and have not with true humiliation of soul and brokenness of spirit confessed our sins, abhorring our iniquity, we have never truly sought for the forgiveness of sin; and if we have never sought, we have never found the peace of God.” – **Steps to Christ, Page 37**

1. *The conditions of obtaining the mercy of God are?*
2. *We are to confess our sins to whom?*
3. *Those who have not humbled their souls before God in acknowledging their guilt, have not yet done what?*
4. *What could be the only reason why we do not have remission of sins that are past?*
5. *Confession of sin, whether public or private, should be expressed in what way?*
6. *All confession should be definite and to the point; acknowledging what?*
7. *Confession will not be acceptable to God without what?*
8. *There must be decided changes in life; what must be put away?*
9. *When sin has deadened the moral perceptions, the wrongdoer does not discern what?*
10. *Unless he yields to the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, he will remain in?*
11. *The spirit of self-justification originated in?*

12. True repentance will lead a man to bear his guilt himself and acknowledge it without?
13. Those who do acknowledge their guilt will be justified, for Jesus will do what?

“Take your brother right by the hand, and ask him to forgive you. It will not hurt you to get down on your knees, if necessary to do so. Get all the roots of bitterness out of the way. Have all these feelings blotted out by hearty confession one to another. Do not be satisfied with a sort of general confession. Come right to the point. Let the blood of Jesus cancel your wrongs in the Book of Life. You want to be set free, that you may perfect holiness in the fear to God.” – *Review & Herald, August 14, 1888*

TASKS

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

The apostle says, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." James 5:16. **Confess your sins to God**, who only can forgive them, and **your faults to one another**. If you have given offense to your friend or neighbor, you are to **acknowledge your wrong**, and it is **his duty freely to forgive you**. Then you are to **seek the forgiveness of God**, because the brother you have wounded is the property of God.

The only reason why we do not have remission of sins that are past is that we are not willing to humble our hearts and comply with the conditions of the word of truth. Explicit instruction is given concerning this matter. **Confession of sin**, whether public or private, should be heartfelt and freely expressed. It is **not to be urged from the sinner**. It is **not to be made in a flippant and careless way**, or **forced** from those who have **no realizing sense of the abhorrent character of sin**.

True confession is always of a specific character, and acknowledges particular sins. ... all confession should be **definite and to the point, acknowledging the very sins** of which you are **guilty**.

Confession will not be acceptable to God without sincere repentance and reformation. There must be **decided changes in the life**; everything **offensive** to God must **be put away**. This will be the result of genuine sorrow for sin. ..."Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow."

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 4

1. *Simple, Just & Reasonable*
2. *God, who only can forgive them*
3. *Fulfilled the first condition of acceptance*
4. *We are not willing to humble our hearts and comply with the conditions of the Word of Truth*
5. *Heartfelt & Freely*
6. *The very sins of which you are guilty*
7. *Sincere repentance and reformation*
8. *Everything offensive to God*
9. **A.** *Defects of his character* **B.** nor *realize the enormity of the evil he has committed*
10. *Partial blindness to his sin*
11. *The father of lies*
12. *Deception or hypocrisy*
13. *Plead His blood in behalf of the repentant soul*

VERSE INDEX – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 4

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 3:12-13

1 Samuel 12:19

Psalms 34:18

Proverbs 28:13

Isaiah 1:16-17

Ezekiel 33:15

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 26:10-11

2 Corinthians 7:11

1 Timothy 1:15

Hebrews 4:15

James 5:16

1 John 1:9

I've Wandered Far Away From God

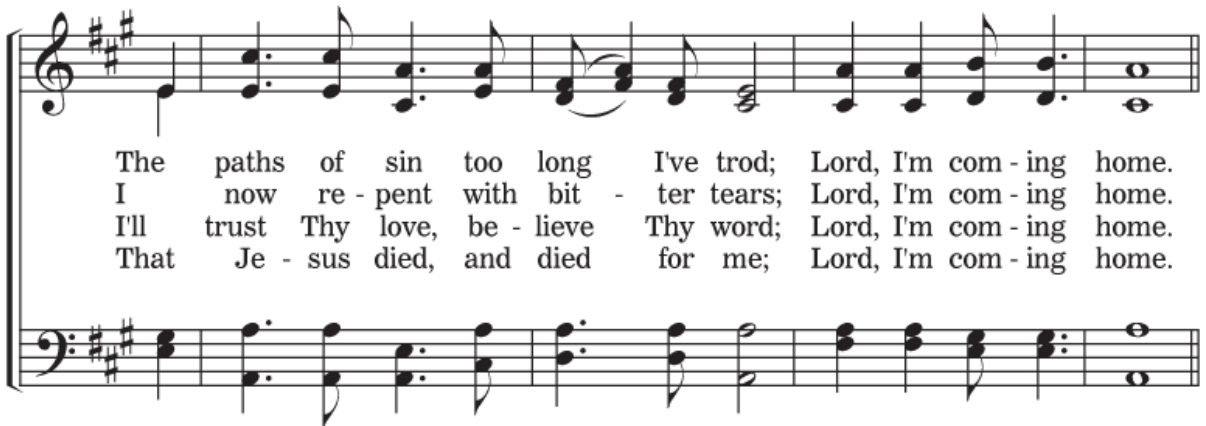
Lord, I'm coming Home. 8.5.8.5. With Refrain

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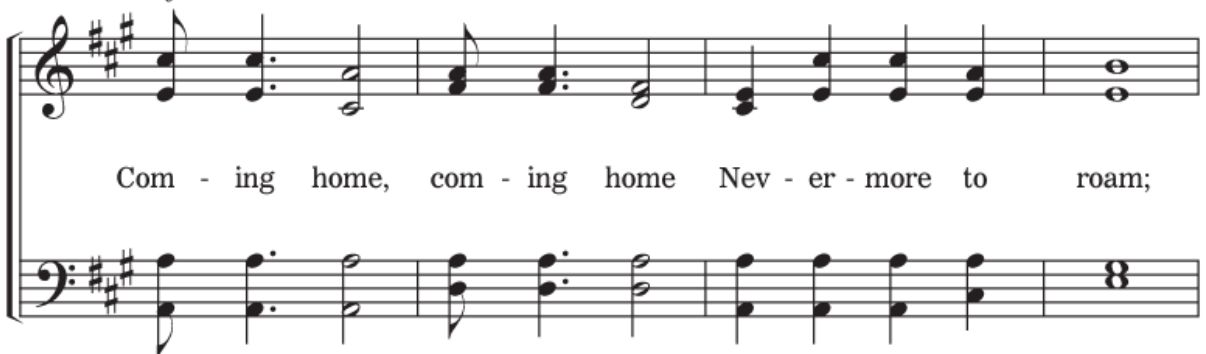


1. I've wan - dered far a - way from God, Now I'm com - ing home;
2. I've wast - ed man - y pre - cious years, Now I'm com - ing home;
3. I'm tired of sin and stray - ing Lord, Now I'm com - ing home;
4. My on - ly hope, my on - ly plea, Now I'm com - ing home;



The paths of sin too long I've trod; Lord, I'm com - ing home.
I now re - pent with bit - ter tears; Lord, I'm com - ing home.
I'll trust Thy love, be - lieve Thy word; Lord, I'm com - ing home.
That Je - sus died, and died for me; Lord, I'm com - ing home.

Refrain



Com - ing home, com - ing home Nev - er - more to roam;



O - pen wide Thine arms of love; Lord, I'm com - ing home.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 4

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Convicted

Proved or determined to be guilty, ...by the decision of conscience.

Guilt

Criminality; that state of a moral agent which results from his actual commission of a crime or offense, knowing it to be a crime, or violation of law. To constitute guilt there must be a moral agent enjoying freedom of will, and capable of distinguishing between right and wrong, and a wilful or intentional violation of a known law, or rule of duty. The guilt of a person exists, as soon as the crime is committed; but to evince it to others, it must be proved by confession, or conviction in due course of law. Guilt renders a person a debtor to the law, as it binds him to pay a penalty in money or suffering. Guilt therefore implies both criminality and liableness to punishment. Guilt may proceed either from a positive act or breach of law, or from voluntary neglect of known duty.

Humbled

Made low; abased; rendered meek and submissive;

Penitent

Suffering pain or sorrow of heart on account of sins, crimes or offenses; contrite; sincerely affected by a sense of guilt and resolving on amendment of life.

Remission

Forgiveness; pardon; that is, the giving up of the punishment due to a crime

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 5

-Consecration-

Memory Verses: Jeremiah 29:13; Luke 14:33; Isaiah 1:18

“It remains for us to choose whether we will be set free from the bondage of sin, to share the glorious liberty of the sons of God.” – **Steps to Christ, Page 43**

1. *The change can never be wrought in us by which we are to be restored to His likeness, if what is not yielded to God?*
2. *Name two desires God has for us?*
3. *What is the greatest battle that was ever fought?*
4. *What is required before the soul can be renewed in Holiness?*
5. *Can God accept a homage that is not willingly and intelligently given?*
6. *In giving ourselves to God, what must we necessarily give up?*
7. *When Christ dwells in the heart, what will be forgotten in the contemplation of Him?*
8. *What do we give up when we give all?*
9. *What is God’s purpose to all who come to Him for the bread of life?*
10. *God requires us to perform only what type of duties?*
11. *What is the true, joyous life of the soul?*

12. *What is the governing power in the nature of man?*
13. *Will desires for goodness and Holiness alone avail you anything?*
14. *An entire change may be made in your life, through what?*
15. *How can you ally yourself with the Power that is above principalities and powers?*
16. *How can you live the new life, even the life of faith?*

“To us as well as to the disciples, Christ has given the work of carrying the truth to the world. But before engaging in this great and aggressive warfare, upon which eternal results depend, Christ invites all to count the cost. He assures them that if they take hold of the work with undivided hearts, giving themselves as light bearers to the world, if they will take hold of His strength, they will make peace with Him, and obtain supernatural assistance that will enable them in their weakness to do the deeds of Omnipotence. If they go forward with faith in God, they will not fail nor become discouraged, but will have the assurance of infallible success” – *Review & Herald, March 15, 1898*

TASKS

God desires to heal us, to set us free. But since this requires an entire transformation, a renewing of our whole nature, we **must yield ourselves wholly to Him.**

In giving ourselves to God, we must necessarily **give up all that would separate us from Him....**Whatever shall draw away the heart from God must be given up.

Do you feel that it is too great a sacrifice to yield all to Christ? **Ask yourself the question, "What has Christ given for me?"** The Son of God gave all--life and love and suffering--for our redemption. And can it be that we, the unworthy objects of so great love, will withhold our hearts from Him?

You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can **choose to serve Him.** You can **give Him your will;** He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 5

1. *The whole heart*
2. **A.** *To heal us* **B.** *To set us free*
3. *The warfare against self*
4. *The soul must submit to God*
5. *He cannot – God does not force the will of His creatures*
6. *All that would separate us from Him*
7. *Self will be forgotten*
8. *a Sin polluted heart*
9. *To impart peace and rest to them*
10. *Those that will lead our steps to heights of bliss, to which the disobedient can never attain.*
11. *It is to have Christ formed within*
12. *The power of decision, or of choice*
13. *No – Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians*
14. *Through the right exercise of the will*
15. *By yielding up your will to Christ*
16. *Through constant surrender to God*

VERSE INDEX – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 5

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 1:5-6

Isaiah 1:18

Isaiah 53:12

Jeremiah 29:13

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 14:33

Ephesians 2:1

2 Timothy 2:26

I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice

10.7.10.7 with refrain

Fanny J. Crosby

W. H. Doane

1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy love to me;
2. Con - se-crate me now to Thy ser-vice, Lord, By the power of grace di-vine;
3. O the pure de-light of a sin-gle hour That be-fore Thy throne I spend,
4. There are depths of love that I can-not know Till I cross the nar-row sea;

But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be clos-er drawn to Thee.
May my soul look up with a stead-fast hope And my will be lost in Thine.
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I com-mune as friend with friend!
There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee.

Refrain

Draw me near - er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died;
near-er, near-er,

Draw me near-er, near-er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, To Thy pre-cious, bleed-ing side.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 5

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Automaton

AUTOM'ATION, n. [Gr. self. The Greek plural, automata, is sometimes used; but the regular English plural, automatons, is preferable.]

A self-moving machine, or one which moves by invisible springs.

Conformity

Likeness; correspondence with a model in form or manner; resemblance; agreement; congruity with something else; followed by to or with.

Constraining

Urging with irresistible or powerful force; compelling; forcing; repressing; confining; holding by force; pressing; binding.

Impart

To give, grant or communicate; to bestow on another a share or portion of something; as, to impart a portion of provisions to the poor.

To grant; to give; to confer; as, to impart honor or favor.

To communicate the knowledge of something; to make known; to show by words or tokens.

Yield

To allow; To give; To permit; to grant; To surrender; To comply with; To give way; not to oppose.

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 6

-Faith & Acceptance-

Memory Verses: Colossians 2:6; Isaiah 55:7; Jeremiah 31:3

“You feel that sin has separated you from God, that you are in bondage to the power of evil. The more you struggle to escape, the more you realize your helplessness. Your motives are impure; your heart is unclean. You see that your life has been filled with selfishness and sin. You long to be forgiven, to be cleansed, to be set free. Harmony with God, likeness to Him-- what can you do to obtain it?” – **Steps to Christ, Page 49**

1. *When your conscience has been quickened by the Holy Spirit, with what will you look upon sin?*
2. *Jesus healed the people of their diseases when they had what?*
3. *How did He lead the people to believe in His power to forgive sins?*
4. *From the simple Bible account of how Jesus healed the sick, we may learn something about what?*
5. *Do not wait to feel that you are made whole, but say what?*
6. *It is the will of God to do what for us?*
7. *Through this simple act of believing God, the Holy Spirit has done what?*
8. *Now that you have given yourself to Jesus, do not do what?*
9. *Where do thousands fail?*
10. *Strength and Grace have been provided through Christ to be brought by ministering Angels to who?*
11. *None are so sinful that they cannot find what in Jesus, who died for them?*

12. *God does not deal with us as finite men deal with one another, His thoughts are thoughts of what?*
13. *Our Heavenly Father hates sin but He loves the Sinner, and He gave Himself in the Person of Christ, that all who would might be what?*
14. *As you read the promises, remember they are the expression of what?*
15. *He will draw near to you with Mercy and Forgiveness, as you do what?*

“Faith is trusting God--believing that He loves us and knows best what is for our good. Thus, instead of our own, it leads us to choose His way. In place of our ignorance, it accepts His wisdom; in place of our weakness, His strength; in place of our sinfulness, His righteousness. Our lives, ourselves, are already His; faith acknowledges His ownership and accepts its blessing. Truth, uprightness, purity, have been pointed out as secrets of life's success. It is faith that puts us in possession of these principles.” – **Education, page 253**

TASKS

You have confessed your sins, and in heart put them away. You have resolved to give yourself to God. **Now go to Him, and ask that He will wash away your sins and give you a new heart. Then believe that He does this because He has promised.** This is the lesson which Jesus taught while He was on earth, that the gift which God promises us, we must believe we do receive, and it is ours.

Do not wait to feel that you are made whole, but say, "I believe it; it is so, not because I feel it, but because God has promised."

Now that you have given yourself to Jesus, **do not draw back, do not take yourself away from Him, but day by day say, "I am Christ's; I have given myself to Him;" and ask Him to give you His Spirit and keep you by His grace.** As it is by giving yourself to God, and believing Him, that you become His child, so you are to live in Him.

Put away the suspicion that God's promises are not meant for you. They are for every repentant transgressor.

Look up, you that are doubting and trembling; for Jesus lives to make intercession for us. **Thank God for the gift of His dear Son and pray that He may not have died for you in vain.** The Spirit invites you today. **Come with your whole heart to Jesus, and you may claim His blessing.** As you read the promises, remember they are the expression of unutterable love and pity.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 6

1. *With Abhorrence*
2. *Faith in His Power*
3. *He helped them in the things which they could see, thus inspiring them with confidence in Him concerning things which they could not see.*
4. *How to believe in Him for the forgiveness of Sins*
5. *“I believe it, it is so, not because I feel it, but because God has promised.”*
6. **A. Cleanse us from Sin B. Make us His Children C. Enable us to Live a Holy Life**
7. *Begotten a new life in your heart*
8. **A. Draw back B. Take yourself away from Him**
9. *They do not believe that Jesus pardon’s them personally, individually.*
10. *Every believing soul*
11. **A. Strength B. Purity C. Righteousness in Jesus**
12. **A. Mercy B. Love C. Tenderest Compassion**
13. *Saved and have Eternal Blessedness in the Kingdom of Glory*
14. *Unutterable Love and Pity*
15. *Draw near to Him with confession and repentance*

VERSE INDEX – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 6

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 44:22; 49:15; **55:1, 7**

Jeremiah 31:3

Ezekiel 18:32; 36:26

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 9:6

Mark 11:24

Luke 15:18-20

John 20:31

Romans 8:1

Ephesians 1:7

Colossians 2:6

1 Peter 1:18, 19

Out of my Bondage

William T. Sleeper

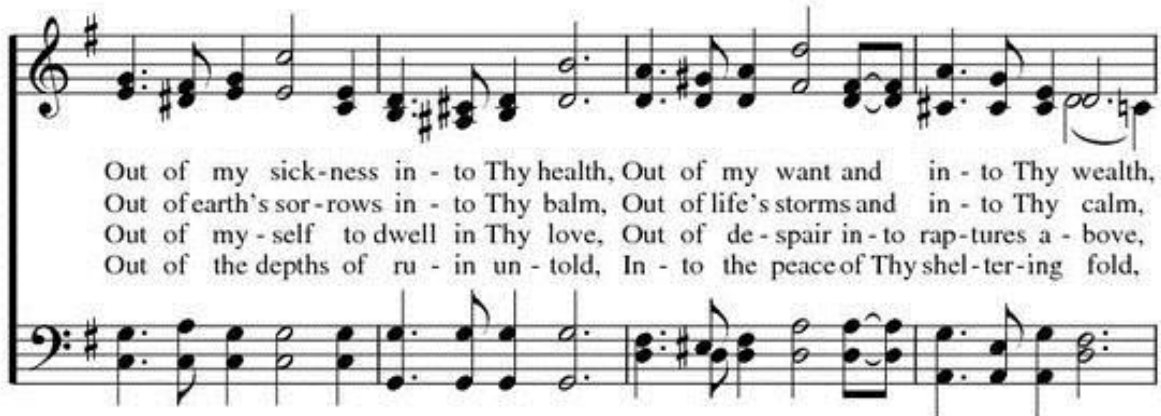
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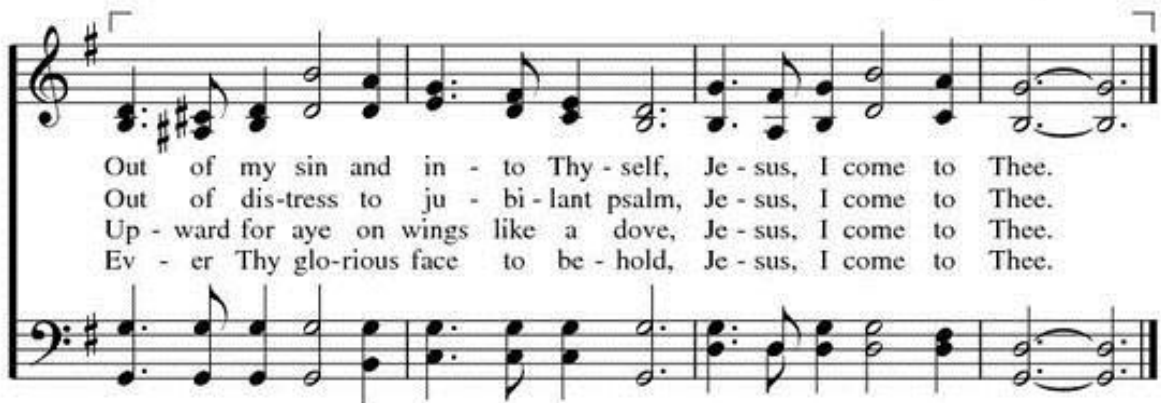
1. Out of my bond-age, sor-row and night, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come;
2. Out of my shame-ful fail-ure and loss, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come;
3. Out of un-rest and ar-ro-gant pride, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come;
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come;



In-to Thy free-dom, glad-ness and light, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
In-to the glo-rious gain of Thy cross, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
In-to Thy bless-ed will to a-bide, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
In-to the joy and light of Thy home, Je-sus, I come to Thee.



Out of my sick-ness in-to Thy health, Out of my want and in-to Thy wealth,
Out of earth's sor-rows in-to Thy balm, Out of life's storms and in-to Thy calm,
Out of my-self to dwell in Thy love, Out of de-spair in-to rap-tures a-bove,
Out of the depths of ru-in un-told, In-to the peace of Thy shel-ter-ing fold,



Out of my sin and in-to Thy-self, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
Out of dis-tress to ju-bi-lant psalm, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
Up-ward for aye on wings like a dove, Je-sus, I come to Thee.
Ev-er Thy glo-rious face to be-hold, Je-sus, I come to Thee.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 6

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Abhorrence

Extreme hatred, detestation, great aversion.

Begotten

Procreated; generated.

Remorse

The keen pain or anguish excited by a sense of guilt; compunction of conscience for a crime committed.

Unutterable

That cannot be uttered or expressed; ineffable; inexpressible; as unutterable anguish; unutterable joy.

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 7

-The Test of Discipleship-

Memory Verses: Galatians 2:20; 5:22-23; Romans 8:1

“Who has the heart? With whom are our thoughts? Of whom do we love to converse? Who has our warmest affections and our best energies? If we are Christ's, our thoughts are with Him, and our sweetest thoughts are of Him. All we have and are is consecrated to Him. We long to bear His image, breathe His spirit, do His will, and please Him in all things.”

– **Steps to Christ, Page 58**

1. *That regenerating power, The Spirit of God, which no human eye can see, does what to us?*
2. *Is there anything we can do to change our hearts or to bring ourselves into harmony with God?*
3. *When our lives reveal that the Grace of God is dwelling within us, a change will be seen where?*
4. *The character is revealed, not by occasional good deeds and occasional misdeeds, but by?*
5. *Those who become new creatures in Christ Jesus will bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, which are? (Quote verse from memory)*
6. *New creatures in Christ Jesus will no longer fashion themselves according to the former lusts, but by the faith of the Son of God they will do what?*
7. *There is no evidence of genuine repentance unless it?*
8. *Duty becomes a delight, and sacrifice a pleasure when?*
9. *Love is of God. The unconsecrated heart cannot originate or produce it. It is found only where?*
10. *There are two errors against which the children of God - Particularly those who have just come to trust in His Grace - especially need to guard, they are?*
11. *What is a true sign of discipleship?*
12. *We do not earn salvation by our obedience; for salvation is the free gift of God, to be received by faith but obedience is the?*

13. *By what is righteousness defined?*
14. *Because of Adam's sin our natures are?*
15. *But with Christ working in us, we will manifest the same Spirit and do the same what?*
16. *There is faith where there is not only a belief in God's word but a?*
17. *Through this faith the heart is?*
18. *Why will we appear more faulty in our own eyes, the closer we come to Jesus?*
19. *The soul that is transformed by the Grace of Christ will?*

"The more our sense of need drives us to Him and to the word of God, the more exalted views we shall have of His character, and the more fully we shall reflect His image" – ***Steps to Christ, page 67***

TASKS

While we cannot do anything to change our hearts or to bring ourselves into harmony with God; while **we must not trust at all to ourselves or our good works**, our lives will reveal whether the grace of God is dwelling within us

There are **two errors against which the children of God**--particularly those who have just come to trust in His grace--especially **need to guard**. **The first**, already dwelt upon, is that **of looking to their own works, trusting to anything they can do, to bring themselves into harmony with God**. ...**The opposite** and no less **dangerous error is that belief in Christ releases men from keeping the law of God**; ...

If you **give yourself to Him, and accept Him as your Saviour**, then, sinful as your life may have been, **for His sake you are accounted righteous**. Christ's character stands in place of your character, and you are accepted before God just as if you had not sinned. More than this, Christ changes the heart. He abides in your heart by faith. **You are to maintain this connection with Christ by faith and the continual surrender of your will to Him**; and so long as you do this, He will work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure

Pray more fervently; believe more fully. As we come to distrust our own power, let us **trust the power of our Redeemer**, and we shall **praise Him who is the health of our countenance**.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 7

1. *It begets a new life in the soul. It creates a new being in the image of God.*
2. *No, we cannot do anything.*
3. **A. Character B. Habits C. Pursuits**
4. *The tendency of the habitual words and acts.*
5. *Galatians 5:22-23*
6. **A. Reflect His Character B. Purify themselves C. Follow in His steps.**
7. *Works Reformation*
8. *We come to Christ and become partakers of His pardoning grace.*
9. *In the heart where Jesus reigns.*
10. **A. Looking to our own works, trusting to anything we can do B. That believe in Christ releases men from the law.**
11. **Obedience** – *the service and allegiance of Love*
12. *Fruit of Faith*
13. *The standard of God's Holy Law*
14. *Fallen*
15. *Good Works, works of righteousness – Obedience*
16. **A. a Submission of the will to Him B. where the heart is yielded to Him C. the affections fixed upon Him.**
17. *Renewed in the Image of God*
18. *Our vision will be clearer – Our imperfections will be seen in broad and distinct contrast to His perfect nature.*
19. *Admire His Divine character.*

VERSE INDEX – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 7

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 40:8

Psalm 119:97

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 10:20

John 3:8; 16:27

Romans 8:1

2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 2:20; 5:22-23

Ephesians 2:8

Hebrews 10:16

James 1:5-10; 2:17, 19

1 Peter 2:21; 3:3-4

1 John 2:1, 3-6; 3:5-7; 4:19 (RV); 5:3

Trust and Obey

JOHN H. SAMMIS

DANIEL B. TOWNER

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
2. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
3. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
4. But we never can prove the delights of His love feet,
5. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,

What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good
But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt nor a
But our toil He doth richly repay; Not a grief nor a
Until all on the altar we lay; For the favor He
Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will

will He abides with us still, And with all who will
fear, not a sigh nor a tear, Can abide while we
loss, not a frown nor a cross, But is blest if we
shows and the joy He bestows, Are for them who will
do, where He sends we will go— Nev-er fear, on-ly

Refrain
trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er

way To be hap - py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 7

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Allegiance

The tie or obligation of a subject to his Prince or government; the duty of fidelity to a king, government or state. Every native or citizen owes allegiance to the government under which he is born. This is called natural or implied allegiance, which arises from the connection of a person with the society in which he is born, and his duty to be a faithful subject, independent of any express promise. Express allegiance, is that obligation which proceeds from an express promise, or oath of fidelity.

Divine

Pertaining to the true God; as the divine nature; divine perfections.

Nature

The essence, essential qualities or attributes of a thing, which constitute it what it is; as the nature of the soul; the nature of blood; the nature of a fluid; the nature of plants, or of a metal; the nature of a circle or an angle. When we speak of the nature of man, we understand the peculiar constitution of his body or mind, or the qualities of the species which distinguish him from other animals. When we speak of the nature of a man, or an individual of the race, we mean his particular qualities or constitution; either the peculiar temperament of his body, or the affections of his mind, his natural appetites, passions, disposition or temper. So of irrational animals.

Reformation

The act of reforming; correction or amendment of life, manners, or of any thing vicious or corrupt; as the reformation of manners; reformation of the age; reformation of abuses.

Surrender

To yield; to give up; to resign in favor of another; as, to surrender a right or privilege; to surrender a place or an office.

The act of yielding or resigning one's person or the possession of something, into the power of another; as the surrender of a castle to an enemy; the surrender of a right or of claims.

Transformed

Changed in form or external appearance; metamorphosed; transmuted; renewed.

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 8

-Growing Up In Christ-

Memory Verses: Psalms 16:8; Matthew 11:28; Isaiah 60:19

“You gave yourself to God, to be His wholly, to serve and obey Him, and you took Christ as your Saviour. You could not yourself atone for your sins or change your heart; but having given yourself to God, you believe that He for Christ's sake did all this for you. By faith you became Christ's, and by faith you are to grow up in Him--by giving and taking. You are to give all,--your heart, your will, your service,--give yourself to Him to obey all His requirements; and you must take all,--Christ, the fullness of all blessing, to abide in your heart, to be your strength, your righteousness, your everlasting helper,--to give you power to obey.” – **Steps to Christ, Page 69**

1. *The change of heart by which we become children of God is, in the Bible, spoken of as what?*
2. *It is compared to?*
3. *Not all the wisdom and skill of man can produce life in the smallest object in nature. It is only through what that either plant or animal can live?*
4. *As with life, so it is with?*
5. *The plants and flowers grow not by their own care or anxiety or effort, but by?*
6. *No more can you, by anxiety or effort of yourself, secure?*
7. *As the flower turns to the sun, that the bright beams may aid in perfecting its beauty and symmetry, so should we turn to the Sun of Righteousness, that Heaven's light may shine upon us, that what may happen?*
8. *How are we to grow in Grace?*
9. *How am I to abide in Christ?*
10. *What should you make your very first work in the morning?*
11. *A Life in Christ is a life of?*
12. *What should be the subject for the soul's contemplation?*

13. *By what are we to be transformed into His likeness?*
14. *The heart that rests most fully upon Christ will be?*
15. *When mind dwells upon self, it is turned away from?*
16. *What should we not do, that will turn the soul away from the Source of our strength?*
17. *When Christ took human nature upon him, He bound humanity to Himself by a tie of love that can never be broken by any power save by what?*
18. *When the disciples heard the words of Jesus, they felt their need of Him and did what?*
19. *They had the same Battle with sin to fight, they needed the same Grace, in order to?*
20. *When Christ abides in the heart, what is transformed?*
21. *Through what was Christ to abide continually in the hearts of His children?*

"How, then, are we to be saved? "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness," so the Son of man has been lifted up, and everyone who has been deceived and bitten by the serpent may look and live. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. The light shining from the cross reveals the love of God. His love is drawing us to Himself. If we do not resist this drawing, we shall be led to the foot of the cross in repentance for the sins that have crucified the Saviour. Then the Spirit of God through faith produces a new life in the soul. – ***Desire of Ages pg 176***

TASKS

Jesus bids us "**consider the lilies how they grow.**" Luke 12:27. The plants and flowers grow not by their own care or anxiety or effort, but by receiving that which God has furnished to minister to their life. The child cannot, by any anxiety or power of its own, add to its stature. No more can you, by anxiety or effort of yourself, secure spiritual growth.

As the flower turns to the sun, that the bright beams may aid in perfecting its beauty and symmetry, **so should we turn to the Sun of Righteousness**, that heaven's light may shine upon us, that our character may be developed into the likeness of Christ.

Jesus teaches the same thing when He says, "**Abide in Me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. . . . Without Me ye can do nothing." John 15:4, 5. You are just as dependent upon Christ, in order to live a holy life, as is the branch upon the parent stock for growth and fruitfulness.

By faith you became Christ's, and by faith you are to grow up in Him--by giving and taking. **You are to give all**--your heart, your will, your service--give yourself to Him to obey all His requirements; and **you must take all**--Christ, the fullness of all blessing, to abide in your heart, to be your strength, your righteousness, your everlasting helper--to give you power to obey.

Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work. **Let your prayer be**, *"Take me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me, and let all my work be wrought in Thee."* This is a daily matter. **Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender all your plans to Him**, to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate. Thus day by day you may be giving your life into the hands of God, and thus your life will be molded more and more after the life of Christ.

Your hope is not in yourself; it is in Christ. Your weakness is united to His strength, your ignorance to His wisdom, your frailty to His enduring might. **So you are not to look to yourself, not to let the mind dwell upon self, but look to Christ. Let the mind dwell upon His love, upon the beauty, the perfection, of His character.** Christ in His self-denial, Christ in His humiliation, Christ in His purity and holiness, Christ in His matchless love -- this is the subject for the soul's contemplation. It is by loving Him, copying Him, depending wholly upon Him, that you are to be transformed into His likeness.

Commit the keeping of your soul to God, and trust in Him. Talk and think of Jesus. Let self be lost in Him. Put away all doubt; dismiss your fears. Say with the apostle Paul, *"I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."* Galatians 2:20. Rest in God.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 8

1. *Birth*
2. *The germination of the good seed sown by the husbandman.*
3. *Only through the life which God Himself has imparted.*
4. *Growth.*
5. *Receiving that which God has furnished to minister to their life.*
6. *Spiritual Growth*
7. *That our character may be developed into the likeness of Christ*
8. *By communion with Jesus, daily, hourly – by abiding in Him*
9. *In the same way as you received Him at first*
10. *Consecrate yourself to God*
11. *Restfulness*
12. *Christ in his self-denial, Christ in His humiliation, Christ in His purity and holiness, Christ in His matchless love.*
13. *By loving Him, copying Him, depending wholly upon Him.*
14. *Most earnest and active in labor for Him.*
15. *Christ, the source of strength and life.*
16. *We should not make self the centre and indulge anxiety and fear as to whether we shall be saved.*
17. *Save by the choice of man himself*
18. *They sought, they found, they followed Him*
19. *Live a Holy life*

20. *The whole nature*

21. *Through his Spirit*

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OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 16:8; 37:7; 72:6; 84:11

Isaiah 30:15; **60:19**; 61:3

Hosea 14:5. 7

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 11:28, 29; 28:20

Mark 4:28

Luke 12:27

John 3:3; 5:19; 6:33; 15:4,5; 14:10,17; 16:7,23,24; 17:20

Romans 8:34

Acts 4:13

2 Corinthians 3:18

Galatians 2:20

Ephesians 4:15

Philippians 2:13

Colossians 2:6

James 5:17

1 Peter 2:2

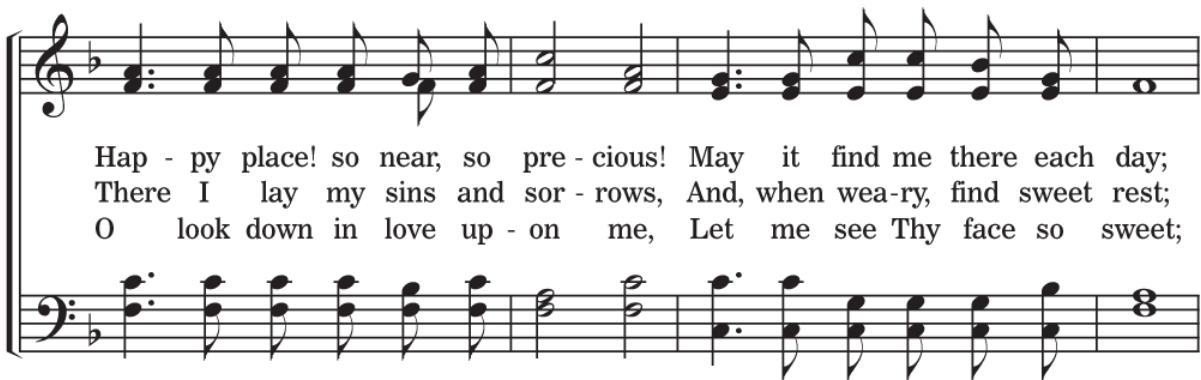
Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

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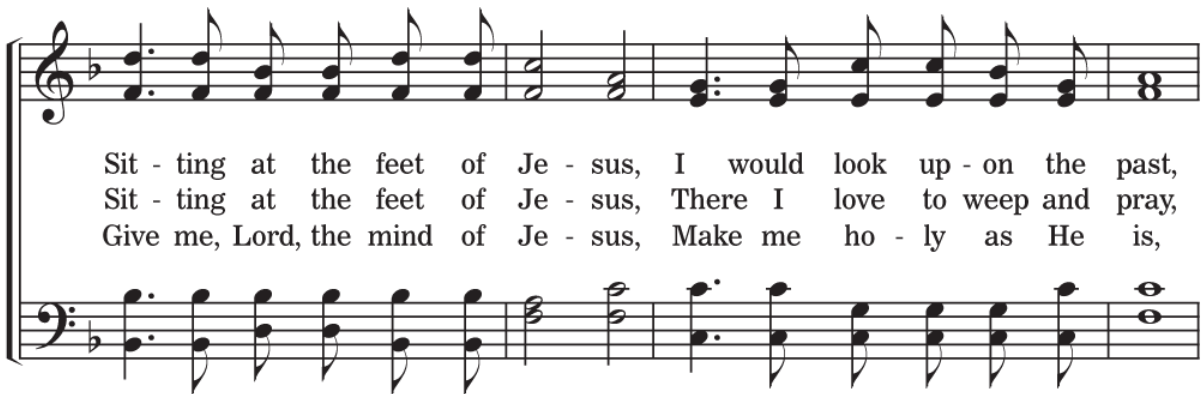
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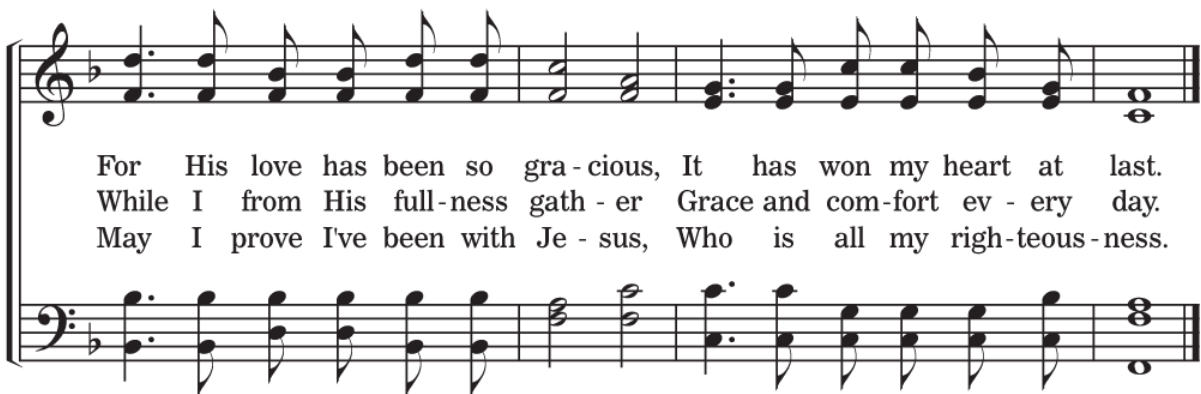
1. Sit - ting at the feet of Je - sus, O what words I hear Him say!
2. Sit - ting at the feet of Je - sus, Where can mor-tal be more blest?
3. Bless me, O my Sav-iour, bless me, As I'm wait-ing at Thy feet,



Hap - py place! so near, so pre - cious! May it find me there each day;
There I lay my sins and sor - rows, And, when wea-ry, find sweet rest;
O look down in love up - on me, Let me see Thy face so sweet;



Sit - ting at the feet of Je - sus, I would look up - on the past,
Sit - ting at the feet of Je - sus, There I love to weep and pray,
Give me, Lord, the mind of Je - sus, Make me ho - ly as He is,



For His love has been so gra - cious, It has won my heart at last.
While I from His full-ness gath - er Grace and com-fort ev - ery day.
May I prove I've been with Je - sus, Who is all my righ-teous - ness.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 8

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Communion

Fellowship; intercourse between two persons or more; interchange of transactions, or offices; a state of giving and receiving; agreement; concord.

Mutual intercourse or union in religious worship, or in doctrine and discipline.

The body of Christians who have one common faith and discipline.

Union of professing Christians in a particular church; as, members in full communion

Consecrate

To make or declare to be sacred, by certain ceremonies or rites; to appropriate to sacred uses; to set apart, dedicate, or devote, to the service and worship of God; as, to consecrate a church.

Perplexities

To make intricate; to involve; to entangle; to make complicated and difficult to be understood or unraveled.

Symmetry

A due proportion of the several parts of a body to each other; adaptation of the dimensions of the several parts of a thing to each other; or the union and conformity of the members of a work to the whole. Symmetry arises from the proportion which the Greeks call analogy, which is the relation of conformity of all the parts to a certain measure; as the symmetry of a building or an animal body.

Uniform symmetry, in architecture, is where the same ordonnance reigns throughout the whole.

Symmetry, is where only the opposite sides are equal to each other.

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 9

The Work and The Life

Memory Verses: Matthew 20:28; 1 Corinthians 7:24; Colossians 3:23

“Christ was a physician of the body as well as of the soul. He was minister and missionary and physician. From His childhood He was interested in every phase of human suffering that came under His notice. He could truly say, I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. In every case of woe He brought relief, His kind words having a healing balm. None could say He had worked a miracle, yet He imparted His virtue to those He saw in suffering and in need. Through the whole thirty years of His private life He was humble, meek, and lowly. He had a living connection with God; for the Spirit of God was upon Him, and He gave evidence to all who were acquainted with Him that He lived to please, honor, and glorify His Father in the common things of life”– **Review & Herald, October 24, 1899**

1. *God is what to the universe?*
2. *Why did our Saviour not count His life dear unto Himself, but endured the cross, despising the shame?*
3. *What spirit will the followers of Christ possess?*
4. *How will love to Jesus be manifested?*
5. *The Saviour’s life on earth was not a life of ease and devotion to Himself, but He toiled with?*
6. *What will the partakers of the Grace of Christ be ready to make?*
7. *No sooner does one come to Christ than there is born in his heart a desire to make known to others what?*
8. *Who are brought nearest to their Creator?*
9. *In God’s infinite love, He chose to make us co-workers with Himself, Christ and the Angels, that we may share what?*
10. *How are we brought into sympathy with Christ?*
11. *If you will go to work as Christ designs that His disciples shall, and win Souls for Him, you will feel the need of what?*
12. *What will the spirit of unselfish labor for others do?*

13. *What is the only way to grow in Grace?*
14. *What happens to the Christian who will not exercise his God given powers?*
15. *What is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men and what is its mission?*
16. *Do we need to go to heathen lands in order to work for Christ?*
17. *Where may we walk and work with Jesus?*
18. *What are you not to wait for before you go to work for God?*

"How, then, are we to be saved? *"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,"* so the Son of man has been lifted up, and everyone who has been deceived and bitten by the serpent may look and live. *"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."* John 1:29. The light shining from the cross reveals the love of God. His love is drawing us to Himself. If we do not resist this drawing, we shall be led to the foot of the cross in repentance for the sins that have crucified the Saviour. Then the Spirit of God through faith produces a new life in the soul. – ***Desire of Ages pg 176***

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The spirit of Christ's **self-sacrificing love** is the spirit that pervades heaven and is the very essence of its bliss. This is the spirit that Christ's followers will possess, **the work that they will do.**

Love to Jesus will be manifested in a **desire to work as He worked for the blessing and uplifting of humanity.** It will lead to love, tenderness, and sympathy toward all the creatures of our heavenly Father's care.

The Saviour's life on earth was **not a life of ease and devotion to Himself,** but **He toiled with persistent, earnest, untiring effort for the salvation of lost mankind....**It was His meat and drink **to do the will of God and to finish His work.** **Self and self-interest had no part in His labor.**

So those who are the partakers of the grace of Christ will be **ready to make any sacrifice,** that others for whom He died may share the heavenly gift. They **will do all they can to make the world better for their stay in it.**

If you will go to work as Christ designs that His disciples shall, and **win souls for Him,** you will feel the need of a deeper experience and a greater knowledge in divine things, and will hunger and thirst after righteousness. You will **plead with God,** and your faith will be strengthened, and your soul will drink deeper drafts at the well of salvation. Encountering **opposition and trials will drive you to the Bible and prayer.** You will grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ, and will develop a rich experience....There is **no room for sloth or selfishness.**

The church of Christ is God's **appointed agency for the salvation of men.** Its **mission is to carry the gospel to the world.** And the **obligation rests upon all Christians.** **Everyone,** to the extent of his talent and opportunity, is to **fulfill the Saviour's commission.**

In the **humblest duties and lowliest positions of life,** we may walk and **work with Jesus.**

Everyone who **names the name of Christ** should so work that others, by **seeing his good works,** may be led to glorify their Creator and Redeemer.

You are **not to wait for great occasions or to expect extraordinary abilities before you go to work for God.** You need **not have a thought of what the world will think of you.** If your daily life is a testimony to the purity and sincerity of your faith, and others are convinced that you desire to benefit them, your efforts will not be wholly lost.

They are **not required to weary themselves with anxiety about success.** They have only to **go forward quietly, doing faithfully the work that God's providence assigns,** and their life will not be in vain.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 9

1. *The source of life and light and joy*
2. *Our Saviour's joy was in the uplifting and redemption of fallen man.*
3. *The spirit of Christ's self-sacrificing love.*
4. *In a desire to work as He worked for the blessing and uplifting of humanity.*
5. *Persistent, earnest, untiring effort for the salvation of lost mankind.*
6. *Any sacrifice, that others for whom He died may share the Heavenly gift.*
7. *What a precious friend he has found in Jesus.*
8. *Those who become participants in labours of love.*
9. *The Blessing, the joy, the spiritual uplifting (which results from this unselfish ministry)*
10. *Through the fellowship of His sufferings.*
11. *A Deeper experience and a greater knowledge in divine things, and will hunger and thirst after Righteousness.*
12. *Give depth, stability, and Christlike loveliness to the Character, and brings peace and happiness to it's possessor*
13. *It is to disinterestedly doing the very work which Christ has enjoined upon us. – (To engage, to the extent of our ability, in helping and blessing those who need the help we can give them.)*
14. *He fails to grow up into Christ and loses the strength that he already has.*
15. *The Church of Christ; To carry the Gospel to the world.*
16. *We need not go to heathen lands, or even leave the narrow circle of the home.*
17. *In the humblest duties and lowliest positions of life.*
18. *For great occasions or extraordinary abilities.*

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OLD TESTAMENT

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NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 20:28

John 1:29

1 Corinthians 7:24

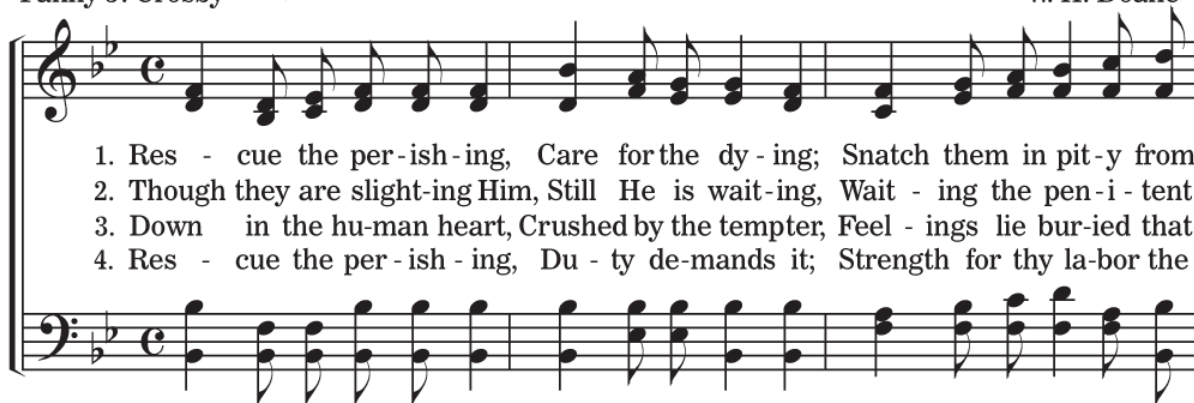
2 Corinthians 8:9

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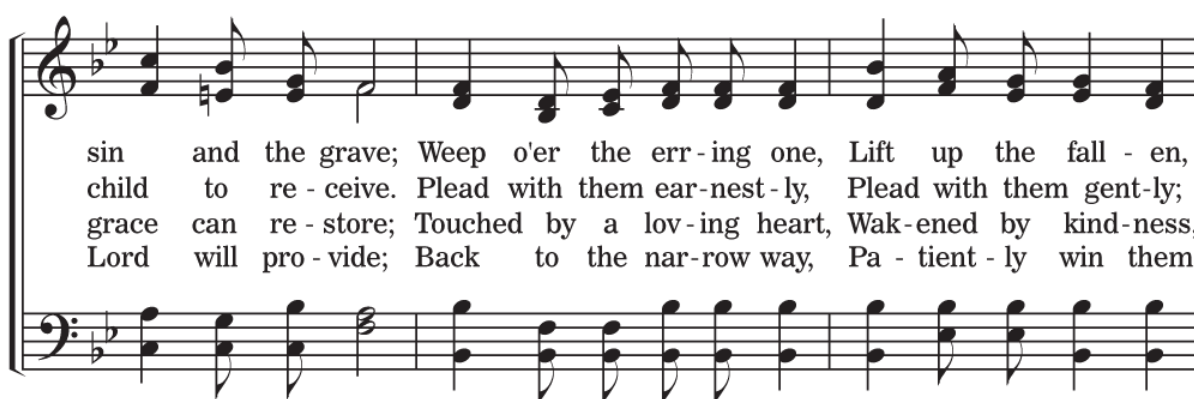
Rescue the Perishing

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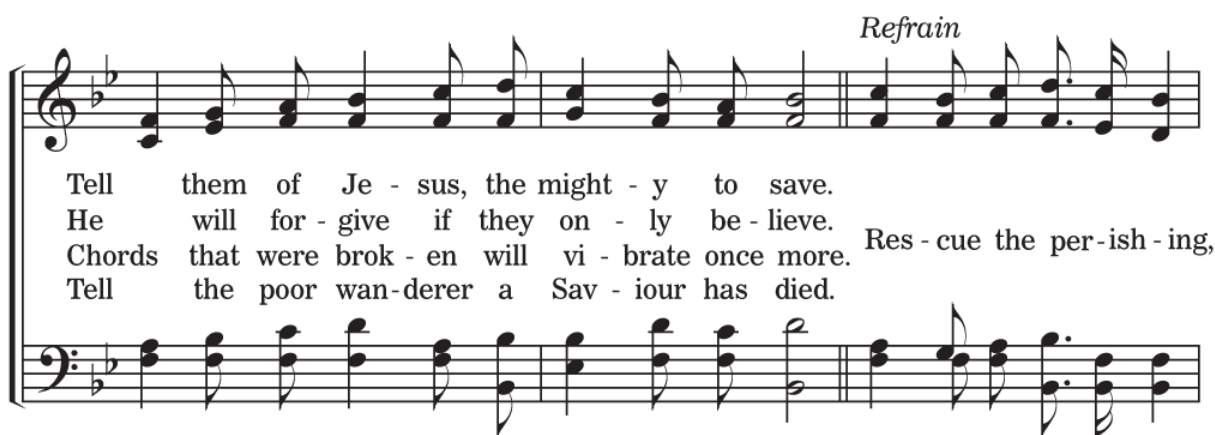


1. Res - cue the per-ish-ing, Care for the dy-ing; Snatch them in pit-y from
2. Though they are slight-ing Him, Still He is wait-ing, Wait - ing the pen-i - tent
3. Down in the hu-man heart, Crushed by the tempter, Feel - ings lie bur-ied that
4. Res - cue the per-ish-ing, Du - ty de-mands it; Strength for thy la-bor the



sin and the grave; Weep o'er the err-ing one, Lift up the fall - en,
child to re - ceive. Plead with them ear-nest-ly, Plead with them gent-ly;
grace can re - store; Touched by a lov-ing heart, Wak-ened by kind-ness,
Lord will pro - vide; Back to the nar-row way, Pa - tient - ly win them;

Refrain



Tell them of Je - sus, the might - y to save.
He will for - give if they on - ly be - lieve. Res - cue the per-ish-ing,
Chords that were brok - en will vi - brate once more.
Tell the poor wan-derer a Sav - iour has died.



Care for the dy - ing; Je - sus is mer - ci - ful, Je - sus will save.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 9

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Heathen

A pagan; a Gentile; one who worships idols, or is unacquainted with the true God. In the Scriptures, the word seems to comprehend all nations except the Jews or Israelites, as they were all strangers to the true religion, and all addicted to idolatry...

Persistent

Continuing in the prosecution of an undertaking; persevering.

Pervades

To pass or spread through the whole extent of a thing and into every minute part.

Toiled

To labor; to work; to exert strength with pain and fatigue of body or mind, particularly of the body, with efforts of some continuance or duration.

Untiring

Not becoming tired or exhausted; as untiring patience.

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 10

-A Knowledge of God-

Memory Verses: 1 Corinthians 2:9; John 1:1-3; John 16:13-15

“God's handiwork in nature is not God Himself in nature. The things of nature are an expression of God's character; by them we may understand His love, His power, and His glory; but we are not to regard nature as God. The artistic skill of human beings produces very beautiful workmanship, things that delight the eye, and these things give us something of the idea of the designer; but the thing made is not the man. It is not the work, but the workman, that is counted worthy of honor. So, while nature is an expression of God's thought, it is not nature but the God of nature that is to be exalted” – **Medical Missionary, Page 11**

1. *Our Saviour bound up His precious lessons with?*
2. *If we will but listen, God's created works will teach us precious lessons of?*
3. *All undue anxieties would be dismissed, if we would but fully believe what?*
4. *If everything, whether great or small, would be left in the hands of God, we should then enjoy what?*
5. *The poet and the naturalist have many things to say about nature, but it is the Christian who enjoys the beauty of the earth with the highest appreciation, because he?*
6. *God speaks to us through?*
7. *God speaks to us in what, where we have in clearer lines the revelation of His character, of His dealings with men, and the great work Redemption?*
8. *We see how the patriarchs struggled through discouragements like our own, how they fell under temptation as we have done, and yet did what?*
9. *How can we become acquainted with the Saviour?*
10. *What will give tone and strength to our spiritual nature?*
11. *As we thus contemplate heavenly themes, our faith and love grow stronger, why will our prayers be more and more acceptable to God?*
12. *As we meditate upon the Perfections of the Saviour, we shall desire what?*

13. *The Bible was not written for the scholar alone; on the contrary, it was designed for who?*
14. *The mind will enlarge if it is employed in?*
15. *There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than what?*
16. *The words of inspiration, pondered in the heart, will be as streams flowing from the fountain of life. Never should the Bible be studied without?*
17. *Jesus will see us also in the secret places of prayer if we will?*
18. *Angels from the world of light will be with those who?*
19. *The Spirit of Truth is the only effectual teacher of what?*

“Search the Scriptures,” was the injunction of the Master. Many have lost much because they have neglected this duty. When we search the word of God, angels are by our side, reflecting bright beams of light upon its sacred pages. The Scriptures appeal to man as having power to choose between right and wrong; they speak to him in warning, in reproof, in entreaty, in encouragement. The mind must be exercised on the solemn truths of God's word, or it will grow weak. We have the truth brought out in publications, but it is not enough to rely upon other men's thoughts. We must examine for ourselves, and learn the reasons of our faith by comparing scripture with scripture. Take the Bible, and on your knees plead with God to enlighten your mind. If we would study the Bible diligently and prayerfully every day, we should every day see some beautiful truth in a new, clear, and forcible light.”

– *Review & Herald, March 4, 1884*

TASKS

Our Saviour bound up His precious lessons with the things of nature...God would have His children **appreciate His works and delight in the simple, quiet beauty** with which He has adorned our earthly home...He would have us **cultivate purity and simplicity**...if we will but **listen**, God's created works will teach us precious **lessons of obedience and trust**.

As your senses delight in the attractive loveliness of the earth, think of the world that is to come, that shall never know the blight of sin and death; ... **Let your imagination picture the home of the saved, and remember that it will be more glorious than your brightest imagination can portray.**

If you would become acquainted with the Saviour, **study the Holy Scriptures.**

Fill the whole heart with the words of God. They are the living water, quenching your burning thirst. They are the living bread from heaven...it is what we **meditate** upon that will give **tone and strength to our spiritual nature.**

The **theme of redemption** is one that the angels desire to look into; it will be the science and the song of the redeemed throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Is it not **worthy of careful thought and study** now? The **infinite mercy and love of Jesus**, the **sacrifice made in our behalf**, call for the **most serious and solemn reflection**. We should **dwell upon the character of our dear Redeemer and Intercessor**. We should **meditate upon the mission of Him** who came to save His people from their sins.

We should **not take the testimony of any man** as to what the Scriptures teach, but should **study the words of God for ourselves**...**The mind will enlarge** if it is employed in **tracing out the relation of the subjects of the Bible, comparing scripture with scripture and spiritual things with spiritual.**

One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident, is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view and no positive instruction gained. **Keep your Bible with you**. As you have opportunity, **read it; fix the texts in your memory**. ... We cannot obtain wisdom without **earnest attention and prayerful study... Scripture must be compared with scripture**. There must be **careful research and prayerful reflection**.

As the miner discovers veins of precious metal concealed beneath the surface of the earth, so will he who **perseveringly searches the word of God as for hid treasure** find truths of the greatest value, which are concealed from the view of the careless seeker. **The words of inspiration, pondered in the heart**, will be as streams flowing from the fountain of life. Never should the Bible be studied without prayer. **Before opening its pages we should ask for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit**, and it will be given.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 10

1. *The things of nature*
2. *Obedience and trust*
3. *That each is tenderly watched by the Heavenly Father. That no tears are shed that God does not notice. There is no smile that He does not mark.*
4. *A Rest of soul to which many have long been strangers*
5. **A.** *Recognizes His Father's handiwork* **B.** *Perceives His love in flower and shrub and tree.*
6. **A.** *Through His providential workings* **B.** *Through the influence of His Spirit upon the heart.*
7. *In His Word*
8. *Took heart again and conquered through the Grace of God*
9. *Study the Holy Scriptures.*
10. *What we meditate upon*
11. *Because they will be more and more mixed with faith and love*
12. *To be wholly transformed and renewed in the image of His purity.*
13. *The common people*
14. *Tracing out the relation of the subjects of the Bible, comparing Scripture with Scripture and spiritual things with spiritual.*
15. *The study of Scriptures*
16. *Prayer*
17. *Seek Him for light, that we may know what is truth.*
18. *In humility of heart seek for Divine Guidance*
19. *Divine Truth*

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OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 33:5

Psalm 107:43

NEW TESTAMENT

John 1:3, 47-48; 5:39; 6:53,63; **16:14**

1 Corinthians 2:9

James 5:17

Revelation 22:12

Give Me the Bible

11.10.11.10. With Refrain

Priscilla Jane Owens

Edmund Simon Lorenz

1. Give me the Bi-ble, star of glad - ness gleam - ing, To cheer the wand - 'rer
2. Give me the Bi-ble, when my heart is brok - en, When sin and grief have
3. Give me the Bi-ble, all my steps en - light - en, Teach me the dan - ger
4. Give me the Bi-ble, lamp of life im - mor - tal, Hold up that splen - dor

lone and tem - pest tossed; No storm can hide that rad - iance peace - ful beam - ing,
filled my soul with fear; Give me the pre - cious words by Je - sus spoke - n,
of these realms be - low; That lamp of safe - ty o'er the gloom shall bright - en,
by the o - pen grave; Show me the light from heav - en's shin - ing por - tal,

Refrain
Since Je - sus came to seek and save the lost.
Hold up faith's lamp to show my Sav - ior near. Give me the Bi - ble,
That light a - lone the path of peace can show.
Show me the glor - y gild - ing Jor - dan's wave.

ho - ly mes - sage shin - ing; Thy light shall guide me in the nar - row way; Pre - cept and prom - ise,

law and love com - bin - ing, Till night shall van - ish in e - ter - nal day.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 10

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Anxieties

concern or solicitude respecting some event, future or uncertain, which disturbs the mind, and keeps it in a state of painful uneasiness. it expresses more than uneasiness or disturbance, and even more than trouble or solicitude. it usually springs from fear or serious apprehension of evil, and involves a suspense respecting an event, and often, a perplexity of mind, to know how to shape our conduct.

Calculated

Computed; reckoned; suited; adapted by design.

Contemplate

1. To view or consider with continued attention; to study; to meditate on. This word expresses the attention of the mind, but sometimes in connection with that of the eyes; as, to contemplate the heavens. More generally, the act of the mind only is intended; as, to contemplate the wonders of redemption; to contemplate the state of the nation and its future prospects.

2. To consider or have in view, in reference to a future act or event; to intend.

To think studiously; to study; to muse; to meditate.

Effectual

Producing an effect, or the effect desired or intended; or having adequate power or force to produce the effect.

Providential

Effected by the providence of God; referable to divine providence; proceeding from divine direction or superintendence; as the providential contrivance of things; a providential escape from danger.

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 11

-The Privilege of Prayer- Part 1

Memory Verses: Matthew 7:7; Mark 11:24; Hebrews 4:15

“By prayer man is braced for duty and prepared for trial. Morning and evening our earnest prayers should ascend to God for His blessing and guidance. True prayer takes hold upon Omnipotence, and gains the victory. Upon his knees the Christian obtains strength to resist temptation. And while engaged in our daily work, we should lift the soul to heaven in prayer. It was thus that Enoch walked with God. The silent, fervent prayer of the soul rises like holy incense to the throne of grace, and is as acceptable to God as if offered in the sanctuary. To all who thus seek Him, Christ is a present help in time of need. In the day of trial they will be brave and strong.” – ***The Signs of the Times, January 29, 1902***

1. *God speaks to us through?*
2. *But these are not enough, we need also to do what?*
3. *What must we have, in order to commune with God?*
4. *What is prayer?*
5. *When Jesus was upon earth, He taught His disciples how to pray. How did He direct them?*
6. *What assurance did Jesus give them and also to us?*
7. *What happens to those who neglect to pray?*
8. *Prayer in the hand of faith is the key that unlocks what?*
9. *Without unceasing prayer and diligent watching we are in danger of what?*
10. *Upon which conditions may we expect that God will hear and answer our prayers?*
11. *What should we do, when we do not receive the very things we asked for, at the time we ask?*

- 12.** *To claim that prayer will always be answered in the very way and for the particular thing that we desire, is seen as what?*
- 13.** *What will only increase and deepen if we take counsel with our doubts and fears, or try to solve everything that we cannot see clearly, before we have faith?*

“When men have to swim against the stream, there is a weight of waves driving them back. Let a hand then be held out, as was the Elder Brother's hand to a sinking Peter and let hopeful advice be given that will establish confidence and awaken love. You can not tell how such a work is registered in the heavenly books. Let the one who is supposed to have moved wrong be given no occasion by his brother to become discouraged, but let him feel the strong clasp of a sympathizing hand; let him hear the whisper, "Let us pray." The Holy Spirit will give a rich experience to both. It is prayer that unites hearts. It is prayer to the Great Physician to heal the soul that will bring the blessing of God. Prayer unites us with one another and with God. Prayer brings Jesus to our side, and gives new strength and fresh grace to the fainting, perplexed soul to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. Prayer turns aside the attacks of Satan.” – ***Spalding & Magan Collection, Page 67***

TASKS

In order to commune with God, we **must have something to say to Him concerning our actual life.**

When Jesus was upon the earth, He taught His disciples **how to pray**. He directed them to **present their daily needs before God**, and to **cast all their care upon Him**. ... **Jesus Himself, while He dwelt among men, was often in prayer**. Our Saviour identified Himself with our needs and weakness, in that He became a suppliant, a petitioner, **seeking from His Father fresh supplies of strength**, that He might come forth braced for duty and trial. **He is our example in all things**.

If the Saviour of men, the Son of God, felt the need of prayer, how much more should feeble, sinful mortals feel **the necessity of fervent, constant prayer**.

There are certain conditions upon which we may expect that God will hear and answer our prayers....One of the first of these is that we **feel our need of help from Him**. ... The **heart must be open to the Spirit's influence**, or God's blessing cannot be received.

If we regard iniquity in our hearts, if we cling to any known sin, the Lord will not hear us; but the **prayer of the penitent, contrite soul is always accepted**. **When all known wrongs are righted, we may believe that God will answer our petitions**. ... Another element of prevailing prayer is **faith**. *"He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."* Hebrews 11:6. Jesus said to His disciples, *"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."* Mark 11:24. Do we take Him at His word?

When we do not receive the very things we asked for, at the time we ask, **we are still to believe that the Lord hears and that He will answer our prayers**.

When our prayers seem not to be answered, we are to **cling to the promise**; for the time of answering will surely come, and we shall receive the blessing we need most

Do not fear to trust Him, even though you do not see the immediate answer to your prayers. **Rely upon His sure promise**, *"Ask, and it shall be given you."*

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 11

1. **A.** Nature & Revelation **B.** Providence **C.** Influence of His Spirit
2. *Pour out our hearts to Him*
3. *Something to say to Him concerning our actual life.*
4. *Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend.*
5. **A.** To present their daily needs before God **B.** To cast all their care upon Him
6. *That our petitions should be heard*
7. *The darkness of the evil one encloses him.*
8. *Heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of omnipotence.*
9. *Growing careless and deviating from the right path.*
10. **A.** That we feel our need of help from Him **B.** The heart must be open to the Spirit's influence **C.** If we do not regard iniquity in our hearts **D.** If we cling not to any known sin **E.** When all known wrongs are righted.
11. *We are still to believe that the Lord hears and that He will answer our prayers.*
12. *Presumption*
13. *Perplexities*
14. *Sincere Prayer*

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OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 44:3

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 7:7

Mark 11:24

Romans 8:32

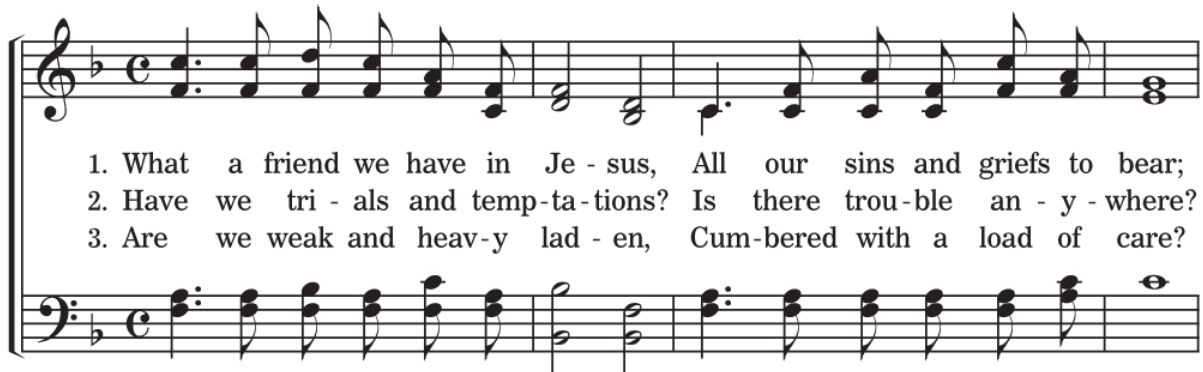
Hebrews 4:15

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

John M. Scriven

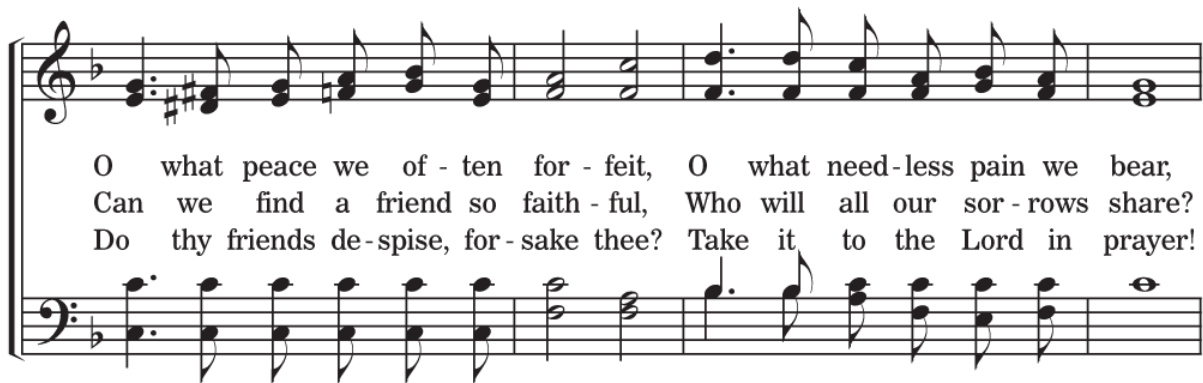
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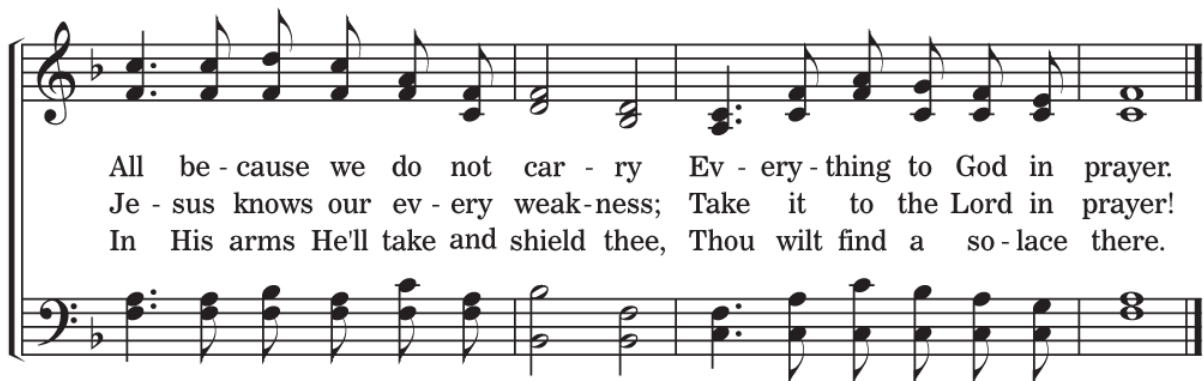
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear;
2. Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, Cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour-aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - iour, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a so - lace there.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 11

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Deviat[e] - ing

To turn aside or wander from the common or right way, course or line, either in a literal or figurative sense; as, to deviate from the common track or path, or from a true course.

To stray from the path of duty; to wander, in a moral sense; to err; to sin.

Infinite

Without limits; unbounded; boundless; not circumscribed; applied to time, space and qualities. God is infinite in duration, having neither beginning nor end of existence. He is also infinite in presence, or omnipresent, and his perfections are infinite. We also speak of infinite space.

Omnipotence

*L. omnipotens; omnis, **all**, and potens, **powerful***

Presumption

Unreasonable confidence in divine favor.

Blind or headstrong confidence; unreasonable adventurousness; a venturing to undertake something without reasonable prospect of success, or against the usual probabilities of safety; presumptuousness.

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 11

-The Privilege of Prayer- Part 2

Memory Verses: Romans 12:12; Philippians 4:6; 1 Peter 4:7

“Secret prayer is very important; in solitude the soul is laid bare to the inspecting eye of God, and every motive is scrutinized. Secret prayer! How precious! The soul communing with God! Secret prayer is to be heard only by the prayer-hearing God. No curious ear is to receive the burden of such petitions. In secret prayer the soul is free from surrounding influences, free from excitement. Calmly, yet fervently, will it reach out after God. **Secret prayer is frequently perverted, and its sweet designs lost, by loud vocal prayer.** Instead of the calm, quiet trust and faith in God, the soul drawn out in low, humble tones, the voice is raised to a loud pitch, and excitement is encouraged, and secret prayer loses its softening, sacred influence. There is a storm of feeling, a storm of words, making it impossible to discern the still, small voice that speaks to the soul while engaged in its secret, true, heartfelt devotion. **Secret prayer, properly carried out, is productive of great good.**” – *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 2, Chapter 28*

1. *Through what are we brought into connection with the mind of the infinite?*
2. *What should we have when we come to ask mercy and blessing from God?*
3. *If we expect our own prayers to be heard we must do what?*
4. *What has been made a condition of receiving?*
5. *What is the life of the soul that should not be neglected?*
6. *By what do the soul hold communion with God and gathers to itself rays of divine light to strengthen and sustain it in the conflict with satan?*
7. *Is there any time or place in which it is inappropriate to offer up a petition to God.*
8. *Although there may be tainted, corrupted atmosphere around us, we need not breathe its miasma, but may live in the pure air of Heaven, but how?*
9. *But to pray in the name of Jesus is something more than a mere mention of that name at the beginning and the ending of a prayer. It is to pray in?*
10. *What loss do we sustain when we neglect the privilege of associating together to strengthen and encourage one another in the service of God?*
11. *He who shuts himself up to himself, is not filling what?*

12. *Let us not be always thinking of our wants and never of the benefits we receive. We do not pray any too much, but we are too sparing of what?*

13. *That which is done for the glory of God should not be done with sadness and gloom but with?*

14. *Our God is a tender, merciful Father, His service should not be looked upon as a what?*

“The leaven of godliness has not entirely lost its power. At the time when the danger and depression of the church are greatest, the little company who are standing in the light will be sighing and crying for the abominations that are done in the land. But **more especially will their prayers arise in behalf of the church because its members are doing after the manner of the world. The earnest prayers of this faithful few will not be in vain.** When the Lord comes forth as an avenger, He will also come as a protector of all those who have **preserved the faith in its purity and kept themselves unspotted from the world.** It is at this time that God has promised to avenge His own elect which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them.”—*Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, 209, 210.*

TASKS

When we come to ask mercy and blessing from God we should have a **spirit of love and forgiveness** in our own hearts. ... If we expect our own prayers to be heard we must **forgive others** in the same manner and to the same extent as we hope to be forgiven.

Perseverance in prayer has been made a condition of receiving. We must **pray always** if we would grow in faith and experience. We are to be "**instant in prayer**," to "**continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving**." Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:2. Peter exhorts believers to be "**sober, and watch unto prayer**." 1 Peter 4:7. Paul directs, "**In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God**." Philippians 4:6. "**But ye, beloved,**" says Jude, "**praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God**." Jude 20, 21.

There is necessity for **diligence in prayer; let nothing hinder you...Seek every opportunity to go where prayer is wont to be made**.

We should **pray in the family circle**, and above all we must **not neglect secret prayer**, for this is the life of the soul.

Pray in your closet, and as you go about your daily labor **let your heart be often uplifted to God**.

We should **have the door of the heart open continually** and our invitation going up that Jesus may come and abide as a heavenly guest in the soul.

Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares, and your fears before God. You cannot burden Him; you cannot weary Him...**Take to Him everything that perplexes the mind**. Nothing is too great for Him to bear, for He holds up worlds, He rules over all the affairs of the universe.

But to **pray in the name of Jesus** is something more than a mere mention of that name at the beginning and the ending of a prayer. It is to **pray in the mind and spirit of Jesus, while we believe His promises, rely upon His grace, and work His works**.

He who does nothing but pray will soon cease to pray, or his prayers will become a formal routine. When men take themselves out of social life, away from the sphere of **Christian duty and cross bearing**; when they cease to **work earnestly for the Master**, who worked earnestly for them, they lose the subject matter of prayer and have no incentive to devotion. Their prayers become personal and selfish. They cannot **pray in regard to the wants of humanity or the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom, pleading for strength wherewith to work**.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 11

1. *Sincere prayer*
2. *A Spirit of love and forgiveness in our own hearts*
3. *Forgive others in the same manner and to the same extent as we hope to be forgiven*
4. *Perseverance in prayer*
5. *Secret prayer*
6. *Calm, simple faith*
7. *No*
8. *We may close every door to impure imaginings and unholy thoughts by lifting the soul into the presence of God through sincere prayer.*
9. *In the mind and Spirit of Jesus, while we believe His promise, rely upon His grace, and work His works.*
10. *The truths of His Word lose their vividness and importance in our minds.*
11. *Not filling the position that God designed he should*
12. *Of giving thanks*
13. *Cheerfulness, with songs of praise and thanksgiving*
14. *A heart saddening, distressing exercise.*

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OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 12:7

Psalm 50:23

Psalm 107:8

Psalm 147:3

Isaiah 51:3

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 6:12

John 15:16

John 16:26-27

Romans 12:12

Philippians 4:6

Colossians 4:2

Hebrews 7:25

James 5:11

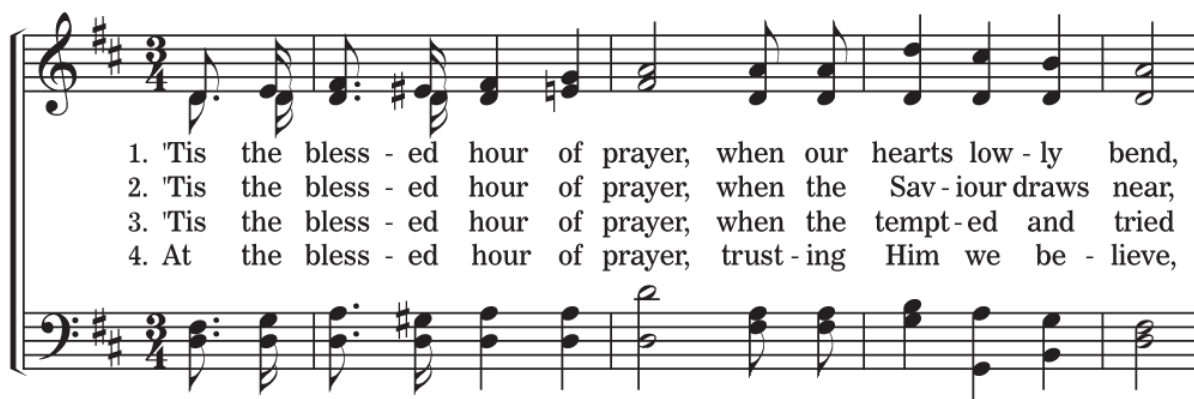
1 Peter 4:7

Jude 20-21

'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer

Fanny J. Crosby

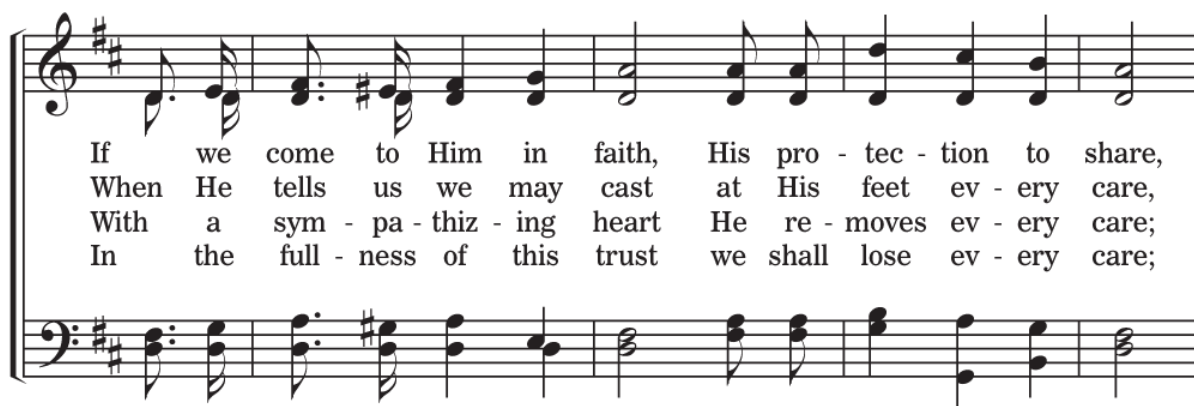
W. H. Doane




1. 'Tis the bless - ed hour of prayer, when our hearts low - ly bend,
2. 'Tis the bless - ed hour of prayer, when the Sav - iour draws near,
3. 'Tis the bless - ed hour of prayer, when the tempt - ed and tried
4. At the bless - ed hour of prayer, trust - ing Him we be - lieve,



And we gath - er to Je - sus, our Sav - iour and Friend;
With a ten - der com - pas - sion His chil - dren to hear;
To the Sav - iour who loves them their sor - rows con - fide;
That the bless - ings we're need - ing we'll sure - ly re - ceive;



If we come to Him in faith, His pro - tec - tion to share,
When He tells us we may cast at His feet ev - ery care,
With a sym - pa - thiz - ing heart He re - moves ev - ery care;
In the full - ness of this trust we shall lose ev - ery care;



What a balm for the wea - ry! O how sweet to be there!
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WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 11

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Distressing

Giving severe pain; oppressing with affliction.

Very afflicting; affecting with severe pain; as a distressing sickness.

Miasma [Gr. to pollute.]

Infecting substances floating in the air; the effluvia or fine particles of any putrefying bodies, rising and floating in the atmosphere, and considered to be noxious to health.

Perseverance

Persistence in any thing undertaken; continued pursuit or prosecution of any business or enterprise begun; applied alike to good or evil.

Tainted

Impregnated with something noxious, disagreeable to the senses or poisonous; infected; corrupted; stained.

Vividness

Life; strength; sprightliness.

Strength of coloring; brightness.

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 12

-What To Do With Doubt-

Memory Verses: Proverbs 4:18; John 7:17; Hebrews 3:12

“There is no encouragement given for unbelief. The Lord manifests His grace and His power over and over again, and this should teach us that it is always profitable under all circumstances to cherish faith, to talk faith, to act faith. We are not to have our hearts and hands weakened by allowing the suggestions of suspicious minds to plant in our hearts the seeds of doubt and distrust.” – **Letter 97, 1898**

1. *Many especially those who are young in the Christian life, are at times troubled with the suggestions of?*
2. *God never asks us to believe; without giving sufficient what?*
3. *Has God ever removed the possibility of doubt?*
4. *What presents mysteries that can never be fully comprehended by finite beings?*
5. *The more we search the Bible, the deeper is our what?*
6. *If it were possible for created beings to attain to a full understanding of God and His works then, having reached this point, there would be for them no further what?*
7. *And to all eternity men may be ever searching, ever learning and yet never exhaust what?*
8. *We can attain to an understanding of God’s Word only through what?*
9. *How should we open God’s word?*
10. *Without the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we shall be continually liable to do what?*
11. *When the Word of God is opened without reverence and without prayer, when the thoughts and affections are not fixed upon God, or in harmony with His will, the mind is what?*
12. *Those who look to the Scriptures to find discrepancies have not what?*
13. *Disguise it as they may, the real cause of doubt and scepticism, in most cases, is what?*

14. *In order to arrive at truth, we must have what?*
15. *His promises will be fulfilled. They have never failed; They never can fail. And as we draw near to Jesus, and rejoice in the fullness of His love, what happens to our doubt?*
16. *The Bible is the Revelation of whom?*
17. *When the people of God are growing in Grace, they will be constantly obtaining what?*
18. *By what may we look to the hereafter and grasp the pledge of God for a growth of intellect?*
19. *What may we then rejoice in?*

“If rational beings really desire the truth, God will give them sufficient light to enable them to decide what is truth. If they have a heart to obey, they will see sufficient evidence to walk in the light. But if they in heart desire to evade the truth, he will not work a miracle to gratify their unbelief. **He will never remove every chance or occasion to doubt.** If they honestly, sincerely grasp the light, and walk in it, that light will increase until lingering doubts will be dispelled. But if they choose darkness, their questioning and caviling over the truth will increase, their unbelief will be strengthened, and the light which they would not accept will become to them darkness, and how great will be that darkness! It will be as much greater than before the light came, as the light which was rejected was clearer and more abundant than the light which first shone upon them. Thus it was with the Jewish nation; thus it will be with the Christian world in every generation. The rejectors of light treasure up to themselves wrath against the day of wrath. There are those who walk amid perpetual doubts. They feed on doubts, enjoy doubts, talk doubts, and question everything that it is for their interest to believe. To those who thus trifle with the plain testimonies of God's word, and who refuse to believe because it is inconvenient and unpopular to do so, the light will finally become darkness; **truth will appear to the darkened understanding as error, and error will be accepted as truth.** When thus shrouded in error, they will find it perfectly natural and convenient to believe what is false, and will become strong in their faith.” – *Review and Herald, January 5, 1886*

TASKS

There are many things apparently difficult or obscure, which God will make plain and simple to those who thus **seek an understanding of them**. But without **the guidance of the Holy Spirit** we shall be continually liable to wrest the Scriptures or to misinterpret them.

When the word of God is opened without **reverence** and without **prayer**; when the **thoughts and affections** are not **fixed upon God**, or **in harmony with His will**, the mind is clouded with doubts.

Whenever men are not **in word and deed seeking to be in harmony with God**, then, however learned they may be, they are liable to err in their understanding of Scripture.

In order to arrive at truth, we must **have a sincere desire to know the truth** and **a willingness of heart to obey it**.

Christ has said, *"If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching."* *John 7:17, R.V.* Instead of questioning and caviling concerning that which you do not understand, **give heed to the light that already shines upon you**, and you will receive greater light. **By the grace of Christ, perform every duty that has been made plain to your understanding**, and you will be enabled to understand and perform those of which you are now in doubt.

God invites us **to prove for ourselves the reality of His word**, the truth of His promises. He bids us **"taste and see that the Lord is good."** *Psalms 34:8*. Instead of depending upon the word of another, **we are to taste for ourselves**. He declares, **"Ask, and ye shall receive."** *John 16:24*. His promises will be fulfilled.

Peter exhorts his brethren to **"grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."** *2 Peter 3:18*. When the people of God are growing in grace, they will be constantly obtaining a clearer understanding of His word. They will discern new light and beauty in its sacred truths.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 12

1. *Skepticism*
2. *Evidence; (Upon which to base our faith)*
3. *No*
4. *The Word of God, like the Character of its Divine Author*
5. *Conviction that it **IS** the Word of the Living God*
6. *Discovery of Truth, No growth in knowledge, no further development of mind or heart.*
7. *The treasures of His Wisdom, His Goodness, and His Power.*
8. *The illumination of that Spirit by which the Word was given.*
9. *As we would enter His presence, with Holy Awe.*
10. *Wrest the Scriptures or to Misinterpret them*
11. *Clouded with Doubt*
12. *Spiritual Insight*
13. *The Love of Sin*
14. *A sincere Desire to know the truth and a willingness of Heart to obey it.*
15. *Our doubt and darkness will disappear in the light of His presence.*
16. *Jesus*
17. *A Clearer understanding of His Word. They will discern new light and beauty in its sacred truths.*

18. *By Faith*

19. *That all which has perplexed us in the providences of God will then be made plain, things hard to be understood will then find an explanation; and where our finite minds discovered only confusion and broken purposes, we shall see the most perfect and beautiful harmony*

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OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 29:29

Job 11:7-8

Psalms 34:8

Psalms 97:2 (Revised Version)

Proverbs 4:18 (Revised Version) - Margin

NEW TESTAMENT

John 3:33

John 7:17 (Revised Version)

John 16:13-14, 24

Romans 11:33

1 Corinthians 2:10, 11

1 Corinthians 13:12

Colossians 1:13

Colossians 2:3

Hebrews 3:12

2 Peter 3:16, 18

Standing on the Promises

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1. Stand-ing on the prom-is - es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges
2. Stand-ing on the prom-is - es that can - not fail, When the howl-ing storms of
3. Stand-ing on the prom-is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal-
4. Stand-ing on the prom-is - es I can - not fall, Lis-t'ning ev - ery mo-ment

let His prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
ly by love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
to the Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

Refrain
Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand-ing, stand ing,
stand-ing on the prom-is - es,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,

stand - ing, I'm stand-ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand-ing on the prom - is - es,

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 12

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Besech(ing)

*To entreat; to supplicate; to implore; **to ask or pray with urgency**; followed by a person; as, "I Paul besech you by the meekness of Christ," 2 Cor 10; or by a thing; as, I besech your patience.*

Deifying

Exalting to the rank of a deity; treating as divine.

Discrepancies

Difference; disagreement; contrariety; applicable to facts or opinions.

Illumination

The act of illuminating or rendering luminous; the act of supplying with light.

Skepticism

In theology, a doubting of the truth of revelation, or a denial of the divine origin of the christian religion, or of the being, perfections or truth of God.

Wrest

To distort; to turn from truth or twist from its natural meaning by violence; to pervert.

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 13

-Rejoice in the Lord- Part 1

Memory Verses: 2 Corinthians 3:2-3; John 17:23

“Have there not been some bright spots in your experience? Have you not had some precious seasons when your heart throbbed with joy in response to the Spirit of God? When you look back into the chapters of your life experience do you not find some pleasant pages? Are not God's promises, like the fragrant flowers, growing beside your path on every hand? Will you not let their beauty and sweetness fill your heart with joy?” – ***Steps to Christ, Page 117***

1. *The children of God are called to be what?*
2. *We are to reveal who, to a world that does not know His tender, pitying love?*
3. *If you are Christ's follower, He sends in you a what, to the family, the village, the street, where you live?*
4. *Christians are set as what, on the way to Heaven?*
5. *They are to reflect to the world what?*
6. *Christians who gather gloom and sadness to their souls, and murmur and complain, are giving to others a what?*
7. *Satan delights to see us do what?*
8. *Satan ever seeks to make the religious life one of gloom. He desires it to appear how?*
9. *When the Christian presents in his own life this view of religion; He is, through his unbelief, doing what?*
10. *Thank God for the bright pictures which He has presented to us. Let us group together the blessed assurances of His love, that we may look upon them continually. Which pictures would God have us contemplate?*
11. *When we seem to doubt God's love and distrust His promises we do what?*
12. *When Satan tempts you, you are not to do what?*

13. *If you talk out your feelings, every doubt you express not only reacts upon yourself, but is what?*
14. *It's important that we speak only those things that will give what?*
15. *When you take the hand of a friend, what will it do for him if you let praise to God be on your lips and in your heart?*
16. *All have trials, griefs hard to bear, temptations hard to resist. Do not tell your troubles to your fellow mortals, but do what instead?*
17. *There is many a brave soul sorely pressed by temptation, almost ready to faint in the conflict with self and with the powers of evil, what are we to do for him?*
18. *By our unconscious influence others may be encouraged and strengthened, or they may be what?*

"The apostle Paul says to the disciples of Jesus, "Ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ," "known and read of all men." 2 Corinthians 3:3, 2. In every one of His children, Jesus sends a letter to the world. If you are Christ's follower, He sends in you a letter to the family, the village, the street, where you live. Jesus, dwelling in you, desires to speak to the hearts of those who are not acquainted with Him. Perhaps they do not read the Bible, or do not hear the voice that speaks to them in its pages; they do not see the love of God through His works. But if you are a true representative of Jesus, it may be that through you they will be led to understand something of His goodness and be won to love and serve Him." – **Steps to Christ, Page 115**

TASKS

The children of God are called **to be representatives of Christ, showing forth the goodness and mercy of the Lord**. As Jesus has revealed to us the true character of the Father, so we are **to reveal Christ** to a world that does not know His tender, pitying love.

Christians are set as **light bearers on the way to heaven**. They are to **reflect to the world the light shining upon them from Christ**. Their **life and character** should be such that through them others will get a right conception of Christ and of His service.

It is not wise to gather together all the unpleasant recollections of a past life,--its iniquities and disappointments,--to talk over them and mourn over them until we are overwhelmed with discouragement.... **Thank God for the bright pictures which He has presented to us**. Let us **group together the blessed assurances of His love, that we may look upon them continually**:

When we seem to doubt God's love and distrust His promises we dishonor Him and grieve His Holy Spirit.

For every word of doubt you utter is inviting Satan's temptations; it is strengthening in you the tendency to doubt, and it is grieving from you the ministering angels. **When Satan tempts you, breathe not a word of doubt or darkness**.

If you talk out your feelings, every doubt you express not only reacts upon yourself, but it is a seed that will germinate and bear fruit in the life of others, and it may be impossible to counteract the influence of your words.... How important that we speak only those things that will give spiritual strength and life!

When you take the hand of a friend, let praise to God be on your lips and in your heart. This will attract his thoughts to Jesus.

All have trials; griefs hard to bear, temptations hard to resist. **Do not tell your troubles to your fellow mortals, but carry everything to God in prayer**. Make it a rule **never to utter one word of doubt or discouragement**. You can do much to **brighten the life of others and strengthen their efforts, by words of hope and holy cheer**.

There is many a brave soul **sorely pressed by temptation**, almost ready to faint in the conflict with self and with the powers of evil. **Do not discourage such a one in his hard struggle. Cheer him with brave, hopeful words that shall urge him on his way**.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 13 – PART 1

1. *Representatives of Christ*
2. *Christ*
3. *A Letter*
4. *Light bearers*
5. *The light shining upon them from Christ*
6. *A False representation of God and the Christian life*
7. *Mistrusting God, doubting His willingness and power to save us.*
8. *Toilsome and difficult.*
9. *Seconding the falsehood of Satan.*
10.
 1. *The Son of God leaving His Father's throne, clothing His Divinity with Humanity, that He might rescue man from the power of Satan.*
 2. *His triumph in our behalf, opening Heaven to men, revealing to human vision the presence chamber where the Deity unveils His glory.*
 3. *The fallen race uplifted from the pit of ruin into which sin had plunged it, and brought again into connection with the infinite God, and having endured the divine test through faith in our redeemer, clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, and exalted in his throne.*
11. *Dishonor Him and grieve His Holy Spirit*
12. *Breathe a word of doubt or darkness*
13. *A Seed that will germinate and bear fruit in the life of others*
14. *Spiritual strength and life*
15. *This will attract his thoughts to Jesus*

16. Carry everything to God in prayer

17. Cheer him up with brave, hopeful words that shall urge him on his way

18. They may be discouraged, and repelled from Christ and the truth

VERSE INDEX – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 13 – PART 1

OLD TESTAMENT

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NEW TESTAMENT

John 7:18, 23

Romans 8:32; 14:7

2 Corinthians 3:2-3

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK L.M. with refrain

Edward Mote

William B. Bradbury

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark-ness seems to veil His face, I rest on His un -
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, and blood, Sup - port me in the
4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But
chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, My
whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He
Him be found; Clad in His right - teous - ness a - lone, Fault -

Refrain
whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 13 – PART 1

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Exultant

Rejoicing triumphantly.

Germinate

To sprout; to bud; to shoot; to begin to vegetate, as a plant or its seed.

Repining

fretting or feeling discontent or of murmuring.

Serenity

Calmness of mind; evenness of temper; undisturbed state; collness.

Toilsome

Laborious; wearisome; attended with fatigue and pain;

STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 13

-Rejoice in the Lord- Part 2

Memory Verses: Psalm 37:3; John 14:27; 16:33

“A right acceptance of the principles of truth will always result in transformation of character. Christians need to study well the character of Christ, that their lives may be cleansed from sin, and fashioned after the perfect life of Christ. In the home and in the church the converting power of God is needed. The Lord requires that every professing Christian shall be self-denying and self-sacrificing. It is not possible to receive and obey the words of Christ without having the character conformed to the likeness of Christ. If we are wearing Christ's yoke, we shall be meek and lowly as Christ was. The grace of Christ will refine the soul, establish faith, and give clear judgment, that the life of the believer may be brought into harmony with the divine.” – **Pamphlet, SpTB17a**

1. *Jesus' countenance did not wear an expression of grief and repining, but one of what?*
2. *The life of those who imitate Jesus will be full of earnest purpose; they will have a deep sense of what?*
3. *If we keep uppermost in our minds the unkind and unjust acts of others we shall find it impossible to do what?*
4. *But if our thoughts dwell upon the wondrous love and pity of Christ for us?*
5. *What should be cultivated in us?*
6. **A.** *You may be perplexed in business; your prospects may grow darker and darker, and you may be threatened with loss, but you should not become what?*
B. *What should you do?*
7. *Jesus knows there are trials and dangers, and He deals with us plainly. He does not propose to take His people out of the world of sin and evil, but He points them to what?*
8. *In His sermon on the mount, what did Christ teach His disciples?*
9. *The Lord would have all His sons and daughters to be what?*
10. *Happiness that is sought from selfish motives, outside of the path of duty, is what?*

- 11. The Christian is not left to walk in uncertain paths. In the service of God there can be found what?*
- 12. We should not cast away our confidence, but have what?*
- 13. The trial will not exceed the strength that shall be given us to bear it. Then let us make up our work just where we find it, believing what?*
- 14. The redeemed will be welcomed to the home that Jesus is preparing for them, they will associate with whom?*
- 15. They are without fault before the Great White Throne, sharing what?*
- 16. The soul redeemed and cleansed from sin, with all its noble powers, dedicated to the service of God, is what?*

“All these promises, all these assurances in the garden of God's word, are to us an expression of the love of God to man, and we should not regard them with carelessness or indifference; but as we would examine the precious flowers in our brother's garden, and inhale their fragrance, delighting our senses with their loveliness and fragrance, just so we should take the promises of God, one by one, and examine them closely on every side--take in their richness, and be soothed, comforted, encouraged, and strengthened by them. God has provided for all the comforts the soul needs. They are suited to the friendless, the poverty stricken, the wealthy, the sick, the bereaved,--all may have their appropriate help if they will see and take hold upon these by faith. God scatters blessings all along our path, to brighten the rugged way of life; and we want to be receiving all the comfort and tokens of God's love with grateful hearts.” – ***Review and Herald, October 11, 1887***

TASKS

The life of those who imitate Him will **be full of earnest purpose**; they will have a **deep sense of personal responsibility**. **Levity will be repressed**; there will be **no boisterous merriment, no rude jesting**; but the religion of Jesus gives peace like a river. It does not quench the light of joy; it does not restrain cheerfulness nor cloud the sunny, smiling face.

If we keep uppermost in our minds **the unkind and unjust acts of others we shall find it impossible to love them as Christ has loved us**; but if our **thoughts dwell upon the wondrous love and pity of Christ for us, the same spirit will flow out to others**. We should **love and respect one another**, notwithstanding the faults and imperfections that we cannot help seeing. **Humility and self-distrust should be cultivated, and a patient tenderness with the faults of others**. This will kill out all narrowing selfishness and make us large-hearted and generous.

You may be perplexed in business; your prospects may grow darker and darker, and you may be threatened with loss; but **do not become discouraged; cast your care upon God, and remain calm and cheerful. Pray for wisdom to manage your affairs with discretion**, and thus prevent loss and disaster. **Do all you can on your part to bring about favorable results**. Jesus has promised His aid, but not apart from our effort. **When, relying upon our Helper, you have done all you can, accept the result cheerfully**.

The Lord would have all His sons and daughters **happy, peaceful, and obedient**.

Let us **not cast away our confidence**, but **have firm assurance**, firmer than ever before....Let us **keep fresh in our memory all the tender mercies that God has shown us**,--the tears He has wiped away, the pains He has soothed, the anxieties removed, the fears dispelled, the wants supplied, the blessings bestowed,--thus strengthening ourselves for all that is before us through the remainder of our pilgrimage.

The trial will not exceed the strength that shall be given us to bear it. Then **let us take up our work just where we find it, believing that whatever may come, strength proportionate to the trial will be given**.

ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 13 – PART 2

1. *Ever one of peaceful serenity*
2. *Personal responsibility*
3. *Love them as Christ has loved us.*
4. *The same spirit will flow out to others*
5. *Humility, self-distrust and a patient tenderness with the faults of others*
6. **A.** *Become discouraged*

B. *Cast your care upon God, and remain calm and cheerful. Pray for wisdom to manage your affairs with discretion...Do all you can on your part to bring about favorable results*
7. *A Never failing Refuge*
8. *Precious lessons in regard to the necessity of trusting God*
9. *Happy, Peaceful and Obedient*
10. *Ill-Balanced, Fitful, and Transitory, it passes away, and the soul is filled with loneliness and sorrow*
11. *Joy and Satisfaction*
12. *Firm Assurance*
13. *That whatever may come, strength proportionate to the trial will be given*
14. *Those who have overcome Satan and through Divine Grace have formed perfect Characters*
15. *The dignity and the privileges of the Angels*
16. *Is of Surpassing Worth*

VERSE INDEX – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 13 – PART 2

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 33:25

1 Samuel 7:12

Psalms 37:3

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 6:26, 30; 16:26; 25:34

John 14:27; 15:11; ***16:33***; 17:15

When Peace Like a River

It Is Well. 11.8.11.9

H. G. Spafford

P. P. Bliss

1. When peace, like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way,
2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come,
3. My sin— O the bliss of the glo - ri - ous thought!
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,

When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross and I
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall re-sound, and the

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
help - less es - tate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall des - cend; "E - ven so," it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 13 – PART 2

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Boisterous

Turbulent; furious; tumultuous; noisy; as a boisterous man.

Jesting

Joking; talking for diversion or merriment.

Levity

Lightness of temper or conduct; inconstancy; changeableness; unsteadiness; as the levity of youth.

Merriment

Mirth; gayety with laughter or noise; noisy sports; hilarity; frolick.

Proportionate

Adjusted to something else according to a certain rate or comparative relation

