



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





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*





VERSE INDEX – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 12

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





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

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

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.



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