



## 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***





## **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**





## **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 lialeness 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*



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