

STEPS TO CHRIST

Chapter One: God's Love for Man

1. Through what general revelation has God sought to reveal His love for us?
2. Through the atoning sacrifice of Christ, the sons and daughters of Adam become worthy of the name "sons of God" (1 John 3:1). What does this "matchless love of God" mean to you personally?
3. What two ways, beside through nature, has God revealed Himself?

Chapter Two: The Sinner's Need of Christ

1. Before sin entered the world, humans held joyful, face-to-face communion with God. What change did sin make in this relationship and in human nature?
2. Why would heaven be a place of torment and hold no joy for the person whose heart is unrenewed by God's love?
3. How can you know that you have been "born from above"? Read Ezekiel 36:25-27.
4. In what ways can you help your family or closest associates appreciate the efforts and energy that God is expending to reclaim His lost children?

Chapter Three: Repentance

1. What was the difference between the repentance of Judas and the repentance of David?
2. What are the dangers of thinking, "I'll repent and come to Christ after I get my life together"? See Jeremiah 13:23 and John 15:5. Why should you have confidence to come to Jesus just as you are?
3. What is the result of beholding Jesus and allowing the light of Christ to shine into your heart?

Chapter 4: Confession

1. The author mentions several characteristics of true confession. What are they?
2. What two steps should follow confession?
3. Contrast Adam and Eve's confession in Genesis 3:12, 13 with that of Paul's in Acts 26:10, 11 and 2 Timothy 1:15.
4. "True confession is always of a specific character and acknowledges particular sins." Should we confess our sins only to God? If not, why not?

Chapter 5: Consecration

1. Explain this statement: "Everything depends on the right action of the will." How can a person stay surrendered under the pressure of everyday situations?
2. Is it personally important for you to be restored to the likeness of God and to be "renewed in holiness"? Why?
3. What specific things separate you from God and draw your heart away from Him? Do you sense God telling you to begin the work of surrendering to Him right now?

Chapter 6: Faith and Acceptance

1. How can you obtain "peace and love in the soul" and be in harmony with God.
2. Describe the picture of God depicted in the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32.

3. Do the Bible promises listed below give you confidence that you are forgiven and accepted by God? Isaiah 1:18; 44:22; 49:15; 55:1, 7; Jeremiah 31:3; Ezekiel 18:32; 36:26; Mark 11:24; John 20:31; Romans 8:1; 1 Peter 1:18, 19?

Chapter 7: The Test of Discipleship

1. What is the true test of discipleship? See John 14:15.
2. As we grow in our relationship with Christ, certain characteristics will become visible in our lives. What are some of these characteristics? See Galatians 5:22, 23.
3. One's character is not revealed by occasional mistakes, but by the trends and habits of the life. What do the trends and habits of your life reveal about your character?
4. Discuss this statement: "Our only ground of hope is in the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and in that wrought by His Spirit working in and through us."

Chapter 8: "Growing Up Into Christ"

1. Our growth in Christ can be compared with the biological growth of plants. What are some of the things that God supplies to help us grow in Him? See Psalms 72:6; 84:11; Isaiah 60:19; Hosea 14:5; and John 6:33.
2. Jesus calls us to "rest" in Him. See Matthew 11:28. Are there things that you need to turn over to God so that you can experience His rest?
3. "When Christ abides in the heart, the whole nature is transformed." What are some areas in your life that Christ is transforming?

Chapter 9: "The Work and the Life"

1. As we serve others and share the gospel, we can become more closely connected to "the Redeemer of the world." What kind of example did Christ give us as He ministered on this earth? See 2 Corinthians 8:9.
2. People who are saved by God's grace need to be ready "to make any sacrifice" in order to share the gospel. What rewards come to those who share His good news with the lost?
3. What are some ways that you can share Christ at home and in your community?

Chapter 10: "A Knowledge of God"

1. Why does God seek to make Himself known to us?
2. Why is it important to study a single passage of Scripture until its significance is clear and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident?
3. "All undue anxieties would be dismissed" if we fully believed that "God cares for everything and sustains everything that He has created." Why?
4. "There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than the study of the Scriptures." How much time do you devote to daily Bible study? What part of your daily schedule could you change in order to make more time for study of the Word?

Chapter 11: The Privilege of Prayer

1. What is prayer? Jesus promised that He would answer all of our prayers (John 14:14), but under what conditions?

2. Is it possible to “pray always”? Do you tend to pray more in times of hardship than in times of ease? Why is it important to remember God in both our times of need and our times of abundance?
3. What does it mean to “pray in the name of Jesus”?

Chapter 12: What to Do With Doubt

1. In most cases, what is the cause of doubt and skepticism? Why has God not removed the possibility of doubt? How would you help someone who is struggling with doubts about God and the Bible?
2. What divine aid is necessary in order for a person to understand and interpret God’s Word aright?
3. Why do you think God hides some of His purposes from us?

Chapter 13: Rejoicing in the Lord

1. How often was Jesus gloomy and morose?
2. How does being positive and focusing on the gifts that God has given to you bring more joy to life? In what ways can you be positive in a world that tends to focus on the negative?
3. After we give our lives to Christ, does He promise to remove the temptation to sin? Read John 17:15. Is it possible that Satan will attack us even more after we choose to follow Christ? What is one of the comforts that we can rely on in the face of Satan’s attacks against us?