

# ***Steps To Christ***

## **Study Guides**

### **Chapter 3**

### **Repentance**

## Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Romans 5:12, NJKV.

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that he will not hear”

2. Read *Steps to Christ*, Chapter 3.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 3, that best describes the theme of the chapter.



4. List several key points as you read the chapter.



**Scriptures (NKJV)****1. What should precede the blotting out of our sins?**

Acts 3:19. “ [redacted] therefore and be [redacted], that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,”

**2. What else is related to repentance?**

Acts 2:38. "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be [redacted] in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

**3. What type of repentance did the Corinthians have?**

2 Corinthians 7:9. "Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to [redacted]. For you were made sorry in a [redacted] [redacted], that you might suffer loss from us in nothing."

**4. How are godly sorrow and worldly sorrow different?**

2 Corinthians 7:10. "For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to [redacted], not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces [redacted]."

**5. What reaction did godly repentance produce?**

2 Corinthians 7:11. "For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What [redacted] it produced in you, *what* [redacted] *of yourselves*, *what* indignation, *what* fear, *what* vehement desire, *what* zeal, *what* vindication! In all *things* you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter."

**6. How do the inhabitants of heaven feel about genuine sorrow for sin?**

Luke 15:10. “Likewise, I say unto you, there is [redacted] in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**7. How does God define genuine repentance?**

Psalm 51:17. “The sacrifices of God *are* a broken [redacted], A broken and a contrite [redacted]—These, O God, You will not despise.”

**8. What does God require once we have the light?**

Acts 17:30. “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to [redacted],

**9. What is the correct response to a message of repentance?**

Mark 1:4, 5. “<sup>4</sup> John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. <sup>5</sup>Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all [redacted] by him in the Jordan River, [redacted] their [redacted].”

**10. What leads the sinner to repent?**

Romans 2:4. “Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the [redacted] of [redacted] leads you to repentance?”

**11. To whom is the message of repentance given?**

Luke 5:32. “I have not come to call *the* righteous, but [redacted], to [redacted].”

**12. What is God's desire for all?**

2 Peter 3:9. "The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that [redacted] should [redacted] but that [redacted] should come to repentance."

**13. How does God approach the problem of our sins?**

Isaiah 1:18. "Come now, and let us [redacted] [redacted]'; Says the LORD, 'Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.'"

**14. What should our prayer be?**

Psalm 139:23, 24. "<sup>23</sup> [redacted] [redacted], O God, and know my [redacted]; Try me, and know my [redacted]; <sup>24</sup> And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."

**15. What is God's promise regarding that prayer?**

Philippians 3:15. "Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] to you."

## Study Questions

1. What does repentance include? (Paragraph 2).

2. There will no change in the life until what happens? (2).

3. Describe an improper repentance? (3, 4).

4. List several people in Scripture that had a faulty repentance (3, 4).

5. What does the sinner feel when convicted of sin? (5).

6. What characterizes a genuine prayer of repentance? (6).

7. What point causes many to err? (8).

8. What does repentance precede? (8).

9. What leads us to genuine repentance? (9).

10. What leads us to the foot of the cross in repentance for our sins? (13).

11. What is seen as the light of Christ shines into our souls? (16).

12. What sins are especially offensive to God? (20).

13. How are we to come to Christ? (22).

14. What testifies to the enormity of sin? (23).

15. What excuse do some give for not doing what is right? (24).

16. What is a great danger? (25).

17. What is every act of transgression doing? (27).

18. What can neutralize all the power of the gospel? (29).

19. How do we destroy ourselves? (30).

20. How focused should our approach be? (32).

21. When we see ourselves as we really are, what should we not do? (34).



22. How do you meet Satan's claims about your sinfulness? (35).



23. When do we best realize the sinfulness of sin? (35).



## Thought Questions

1. How do you know if your repentance is genuine?

2. How do we know if another person's repentance is genuine?

3. What if we really don't feel sorry?

4. Is there anything you can do to help feel sorry?

5. Does repentance effect our emotions, our thinking, or both?

6. How can our past experience affect our repentance?

7. Do I have to feel sorry before God will forgive me?

8. Why does God rarely remove the results of my sin, even though I am genuinely sorry?

9. How does punishment influence repentance?

10. Should I feel sorry if my sin didn't hurt anyone else?

11. Is it possible to be sorry for one sin, and not for another?

12. Do I have to be sorry? Why can't I just want to do better next time and stay with the positive?

13. Can I feel guilty for things I shouldn't feel guilty about?

14. Are certain types of people more easily made to feel guilty?


15. Why do we make excuses for sin?



16. Why do I feel so uncomfortable when I see my sins?



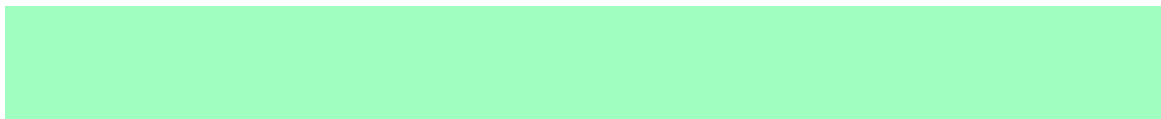
17. How do I know when God is wanting me to help others be aware of their sins?



18. Why do I feel so strongly about certain sins, yet other people don't seem too concerned?



19. How can I avoid going into depression over these matters?



20. [Add your questions].



## Problem Solving

You just ran into an old friend from college days. He was a leader and very spiritual then, but in the last ten years following graduation, he has been backsliding. He no longer attends church, because of the demands of his career and the influence of his wife. He has taken up some bad habits, and has had no contact with anyone from church for more than eight years. He said he had watched *It Is Written* just last week, and you feel that God has made this meeting a divine appointment. What do you think God would have you do?

Notes: (You might work with the following information: causes, options, solutions, decisions, scriptures that apply).



## QUIZ – 3

Select True or False according to the reference:

1.  T  F Forgiveness precedes repentance. (SC 3.8).
2.  T  F Repentance includes sorrow for sin and turning away from it. (SC 3:2).
3.  T  F You meet Satan's claims that you are a great sinner by talking about Christ's merits. (SC 3.35).
4.  T  F The sinner should wait until he has repented before coming to Jesus. (SC 3.8).
5.  T  F We destroy ourselves by rejecting God's love. (SC 3.30).

Use one or more words to answer the following:

6. What can neutralize all the power of the Gospel. (SC 3.29).

7. What leads the sinner to repentance. (Romans 2:4).

8. How are we to come to Christ. (SC 3.22).

9. What sins are especially offensive to God. (SC 3.20).

10. List one thing we see when the light of Christ shines into our souls. (SC 3.16).

Select the option button of the best answer according to the text.

11. What excuse do some give for not becoming Christians? (SC 3.24).

- They are lacking the finances.
- They don't understand prophecy.
- They are too old.
- They are as good as the Christians.

12. Who of the following had a genuine repentance? (Psalm 51).

- Judas Iscariot
- Esau
- David
- Balaam

13. What should the sinner feel when convicted of sin? (SC 3.5).

- Afraid of appearing guilty before God.
- Afraid to change.
- Afraid of what other might say.
- Afraid to suffer the results of sin.

14. What should you NOT do, as you see yourself as you really are, and see the enormity of your sin? (SC 3.34)

- Repent
- Look to the merits of Jesus
- Give up to despair
- Begin a reformation

15. Complete the following passage:

“... a [redacted] of the [redacted] of [redacted] will lead him to the foot of the cross in [redacted] for his sins, which have caused the sufferings of God’s dear son.” (SC 3.13).