

Steps To Christ

Study Guides

Chapter 10

A Knowledge of God

Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Hebrews 4:15, NJKV.

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.”

2. Read *Steps to Christ*, Chapter 10.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 10, that best describes the theme of the chapter.



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



Scriptures (NKJV)**1. What should the Christian glory in?**

Jeremiah 9:24. “But let him who glories glory in this, That He [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted], That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,’ says the LORD.”

2. How do people learn about God?

Matthew 11:27. “All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the [redacted] wills to [redacted] [redacted].”

3. Who did Philip want Jesus to reveal?

John 14:8, 9. “⁸ Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’ ⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen [redacted] has seen the [redacted]; so how can you say, “Show us the Father?””

4. What do God’s created works reveal?

Psalms 19:1. “The heavens declare the [redacted] of [redacted]; And the firmament shows His [redacted].”

5. What reaction do those have who can see God?

Revelation 4:10, 11. “¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and [redacted] Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

“¹¹ [redacted] [redacted] [redacted], O Lord, To receive glory and honor and

power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

6. How else are these gifts listed?

Proverbs 9:10. "The [] of the [] is the beginning of wisdom, And the [] of the [] is understanding.”

7. Why were these gifts given?

Romans 1:20. “For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the [] that are [], *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”

8. What happens to those who see these things but refuse to accept them?

Romans 1:22-25. “²² Professing to be wise, they became [], ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God also [] [] to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”

9. What description is given of Jesus?

Colossians 2:9. “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the [] [] .”

10. Where can one find eternal life?

John 17:3. “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only , and whom You have sent.”

11. What knowledge did the Apostle Paul value most of all?

Philippians 3:8. “Yet indeed I also count all things for the excellence of the of my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.”

12. What do those who know God receive?

Job 22:21. “Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; Thereby will come to you.”

13. How are some people in the last days described?

2 Timothy 3:7. “ and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

14. What principle insures that we will gain a knowledge of the truth?

John 7:17. “If anyone wills to do , he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*.”

Study Questions

1. What is God seeking to do? (Paragraph 1).

2. With what did Jesus link the words of truth? (2).

3. What beauty does God love most? (3).

4. What would Jesus have us cultivate in our character? (3).

5. What lessons do God's created works teach us? (4).

6. What can be dismissed if we trust God? (5).

7. Who enjoys the beauty of the earth with the highest appreciation? (7).

8. What other means does God use to speak to us? (8, 9).

9. What three things does God reveal in His word? (9).

10. Who does all the Bible tell of? (10).

11. What gives strength to our spiritual nature? (11).

12. What does unselfish labor for others produce? (11).

13. What will be the science and song of the redeemed throughout eternity? (12).

14. What happens as we contemplate heavenly themes? (12).

15. What happens as we meditate upon the perfections of Christ? (13).

16. For whom was the Bible designed? (14).

17. What happens if we allow others to do our thinking? (15).

18. What would we have if God's word were studied as it should be? (16).

19. What are we to do with our Bible? (17).

20. How should we study the Scripture? (18).

21. What should always accompany Bible study? (19).

22. What is the work and office of the Holy Spirit? (20)



Thought Questions

1. How can I get to really know God, I can't see Him or hear His voice?

2. How are God and Jesus alike? How are they different?

3. How can I find time in my busy day to study my Bible?

4. How can I tell if what happens is really God's providence?

5. How can the scientists not see God in the complexity of nature?

6. How does God speak through His Spirit?

7. Why witness? No one ever accepts what I try to give them?

8. What Scriptures should I begin to memorize?

9. How should a Christian meditate?

10. How can I learn how to study my Bible correctly?

11. What do I have to know about God to survive the last days?

12. Is it wrong to study science, art, psychology, etc.?


13. Why has God allowed so much knowledge to be discovered?

14. Many believe a mixture of science and Bible in trying to explain creation. How can I know what is really right?


15. What other books on spiritual things should I read?



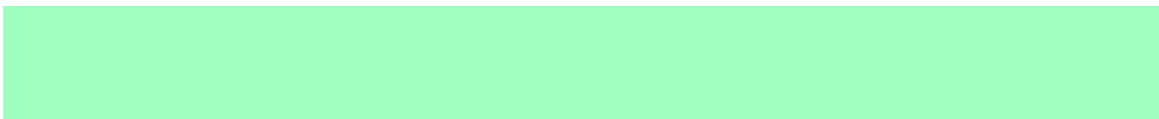
16. I read my Bible, but I can't make it apply to my daily life. How can I make the Bible practical?



17. How can I explain God's love when so much of the natural world is filled with disease, disaster, and death?



18. The Bible has so many different pictures of God. How can I make sense of them all?



19. [Add your questions].



Problem Solving

The following person is a leader in his church. He has taught a Sabbath School class for many years, but recently he has been sharing the Scriptures in a way that raises some new and incorrect ideas about the plan of salvation and what God is like. You are worried not only for the church members who are listening, but for this person as well. He has been a long-time member, and you don't want to push him into taking a more radical stand by aggressively challenging him, but something needs to be said or done, because he is gaining quite a following. What can be done to help him and the others see the danger of these new beliefs?

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



Additional Exercises

1. Add three more things to your "Appreciation List."



2. Additional reading:

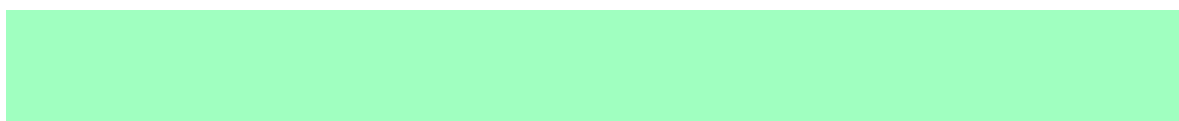
The Ministry of Healing, pp. 407-466.

"The Essential Knowledge"

Christian Education, pp. 98-105.

"Books in Our Schools"

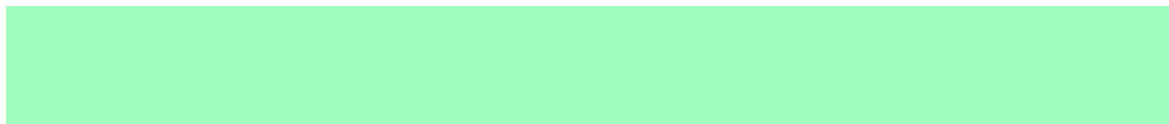
3. Describe an experience where God's providence led you.



4. Describe one new thing about God you have discovered from your recent study.



5. Describe one example of how the information learned in this chapter can help YOU in YOUR daily Christian life.



Done (if using another source to keep this information)

6. Find at least one opportunity to explain what you have learned to one or more persons.

Done

Ellen G. White Quotations

“Only like can appreciate like. Unless you accept in your own life the principle of self-sacrificing love, which is the principle of His character, you cannot know God.” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 25).

“But to hearts that have become purified through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, all is changed. These can know God.” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 26).

“The angels of heaven attain unto no higher knowledge than to know the will of God, and to do His will is the highest service that can engage their powers.” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 109).

“In a knowledge of God all true knowledge and real development have their source.” (*Education*, p. 14).

“Only as we contemplate the great plan of redemption can we have a just appreciation of the character of God.” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 739).

“The word of the living God is not merely written, but spoken. The Bible is God's voice speaking to us, just as surely as though we could hear it with our ears. If we realized this, with what awe would we open God's word, and with what earnestness would we search it's precepts! The reading and contemplation of the Scriptures would be regarded as an audience with the Infinite One.” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 393).

“The value of man is estimated in heaven according to the capacity of the heart to know God. This knowledge is the spring from which flows all power.” (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 354, 355).

“The knowledge of God's works and ways we can only begin to obtain in this world; the study will be continued throughout eternity.

God has provided for man subjects of thought which will bring into activity every faculty of the mind. We may read the character of the Creator in the heavens above and the earth beneath, filling the heart with gratitude and thanksgiving." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 4, p. 581).

"The word of God is to stand as the highest educating book in our world, and is to be treated with reverential awe. It is our guidebook; we shall receive from it the truth. We need to present the Bible as the great lesson book to place in the hands of our children and youth, that they may know Christ, whom to know aright is life eternal." (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 384).

"Christ could have imparted to men knowledge that would have surpassed any previous disclosures, and put in the background every other discovery. He could have unlocked mystery after mystery, and could have concentrated around these wonderful revelations the active, earnest thought of successive generations till the close of time. But He would not spare a moment from teaching the science of salvation. His time, His faculties, and His life were appreciated and used only as the means for working out the salvation of the souls of men. He had come to seek and to save that which was lost, and He would not be turned from His purpose. He allowed nothing to divert Him.

"Christ imparted only that knowledge which could be utilized. His instruction of the people was confined to the needs of their own condition in practical life. The curiosity that led them to come to Him with prying questions, He did not gratify. All such questionings He made the occasion for solemn, earnest, vital appeals. To those who were so eager to pluck from the tree of knowledge, He offered the fruit of the tree of life. They found every avenue closed except the way that leads to God. Every fountain was sealed save the fountain of eternal life." (*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 448, 449).

“The knowledge of God as revealed in Christ is the knowledge that all who are saved must have. This is the knowledge that works transformation of character. Received into the life, it will re-create the soul in the image of Christ. This is the knowledge that God invites His children to receive, beside which all else is vanity and nothingness.” (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 475).

“The knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ expressed in character is an exaltation above everything else that is esteemed on earth or in heaven. It is the very highest education. It is the key that opens the portals of the heavenly city. This knowledge it is God's purpose that all who put on Christ shall possess.” (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 457).

“Our lifework here is a preparation for the life eternal. The education begun here will not be completed in this life; it will be going forward through all eternity—ever progressing, never completed. More and more fully will be revealed the wisdom and love of God in the plan of redemption. The Saviour, as He leads His children to the fountains of living waters, will impart rich stores of knowledge. And day by day the wonderful works of God, the evidences of His power in creating and sustaining the universe, will open before the mind in new beauty. In the light that shines from the throne, mysteries will disappear, and the soul will be filled with astonishment at the simplicity of the things that were never before comprehended.” (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 466).

“In the judgment men will not be condemned because they conscientiously believed a lie, but because they did not believe the truth, because they neglected the opportunity of learning what is truth.” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 55).

“A student may go through all the grades of the schools and colleges of today. He may devote all his powers to acquiring

knowledge. But unless he has a knowledge of God, unless he obeys the laws that govern his being, he will destroy himself. . . By acquiring earthly knowledge he thought to gain a treasure, but by laying his Bible aside he sacrificed a treasure worth everything else." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 108, 109).

QUIZ – 10

Select True or False according to the reference:

1. T F Many people in the last days, though ever learning, will never come to a knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 3:7).
2. T F Never should the Bible be studied without prayer. (SC 10.19).
3. T F The beauty God loves most is the beauty of nature. (SC 10.2).
4. T F The Scriptures were written primarily for the scholars and theologians. (SC 10.14).
5. T F Love to Jesus will be manifested in a desire to work as He worked. (SC 9.4).

Use one or more words to answer the following:

6. What do the heavens declare? (Psalm 19:1).

7. What is life eternal? (John 17:3)

8. What is a discerner of the heart? (Hebrews 4:12).

9. What lessons do God`s created works teach us? (SC 10.4).

10. When we see Jesus, who else do we see? (John 14:9).

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

11. How can people really learn about God the Father? (Matthew 11:27).

- By searching history
- Only as Jesus reveals Him
- By studying all world religions
- Only by listening to other Christians who study the Bible

12. There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than this. (SC 10.16).

- A good doctrinal debate
- Prayer
- Witnessing about the plan of salvation
- Study of the Scriptures

13. What is God's main source of speaking to mankind? (SC 10.9).
- Nature
 - Providence
 - The Scriptures
 - Experience
14. Who enjoys the beauties of nature with the highest appreciation? (SC 10.7).
- The poet
 - The scientist
 - The naturalist
 - The Christian
15. Complete the following passage:
- “ are the ways in which God is seeking to make Himself known to us and to bring us into with Him.” (SC 10:1).