

# ***Steps To Christ***

## **Study Guides**

### **Chapter 13**

### **Rejoicing in the Lord**

## Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Revelation 3:20, NJKV.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me.”

2. Read *Steps to Christ*, Chapter 13.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 13, that best describes the theme of the chapter.



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



**Scriptures (NKJV)****1. What accompanies us on the true path of life?**

Psalms 16:11. "You will show me the path of life; in Your presence *is* [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]; at Your right hand *are* [redacted] for evermore."

**2. Why did Jesus share the truth with his disciples?**

John 15:11. "These things I have spoken to you, that [redacted] [redacted] may remain in you, and *that* [redacted] [redacted] may be [redacted]."

**3. What should we do when trouble comes?**

1 Peter 4:12-13. "<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; <sup>13</sup> but [redacted] to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be [redacted] with [redacted] [redacted]."

**4. How often should we be thankful?**

Ephesians 5:20. "giving thanks [redacted] for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,"

**5. How much should we be thankful for?**

1 Thessalonians 5:18. "in [redacted] give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

**6. What is the outcome of all our problems?**

Romans 8:28. "And we know that [redacted] [redacted] work together for [redacted] to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose."

## 7. What should fill our lives?

Romans 15:13. "Now may the God of hope fill you with all [ ] and [ ] in believing, that you may abound in [ ] by the power of the Holy Spirit."

## 8. What promise of help do we have with our trials?

1 Corinthians 10:13. "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the [ ] [ ] [ ], that you may be able to [ ] [ ]."

## 9. How is the second coming referred to?

Titus 2:13. "looking for the [ ] [ ] and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,"

## 10. What should we not cast away?

Hebrews 10:35. "Therefore do not cast away [ ] [ ], which has great reward."

## 11. What responsibility did the Apostles feel?

1 Corinthians 4:9. "For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a [ ] to the [ ], both to [ ] and to [ ]."

## 12. What confidence did Job have in God's leading?

Job 23:10. "But He knows the way that I take; *When* He has tested me, I shall [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]."

**13. What are those who offer praise to God doing?**

Psalm 50:23. "Whoever offers praise [redacted] [redacted]; And to him who orders *his* conduct *aright* I will show the salvation of God."

**14. What should we combine with prayer?**

Colossians 4:2. "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with [redacted];"

**15. What is the strength of the Christian?**

Nehemiah 8:10. "Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this* day *is* holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] is your strength.'"

**16. What is God's secret for perfect peace?**

Isaiah 26:3. "You will keep *him* in [redacted] [redacted], *Whose* mind *is* stayed *on* *You*, Because he trusts in *You*."

**17. What is the fruit of the Spirit?**

Galatians 5:22-23. "<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

## Study Questions

1. As a representative of Christ, what should our life show? (Paragraph 1).

2. Christians who gather up gloom and sadness give what? (3).

3. What makes Satan happy? (4).

4. What is Satan's work? (4).

5. How does Satan seek to make the Christian life appear? (4).

6. List one of the five questions asked about joy in our life. (6).

7. List one of the blessed assurances we should group together and look upon continually. (9).

8. What happens when we talk out our feelings of doubt? (11).

9. What should we do when we take the hand of a friend? (12).

10. To whom should we relate our troubles? (13).

11. What rule should we follow regarding doubt? (13).

12. Describe what the life of Jesus was like. (16, 17).

13. What happens if we keep uppermost in our minds the unkind and unjust acts of others? (18).

14. How should we be towards others? (18).

15. What are some always doing? (20).

16. What happens to some who encounter difficulties? (20).

17. How should we handle business problems? (22).

18. What is happiness like that is sought from selfish motives? (27).

19. What mercies should we keep fresh in our memory? (28).

20. What is of surpassing worth? (32).



## Thought Questions

1. Why should I be happy? My son is on drugs, I have a credit card debt of \$50,000, and I just lost my job. My spouse and I are always arguing, and I'm so stressed that I can hardly breathe. What is there to be happy about?

2. If I am unhappy, should I fake being happy?

3. Why do some people live to have success and others live to avoid failure? What should be the Christian's approach?

4. Isn't looking away from your problems just denying reality, and procrastinating getting something done about them?

5. Be happy? I have no close friends in the church. I'm never asked to participate in anything. I just don't fit in.

6. The only one who understands my problems is another person's husband/wife. I need someone to talk to.

7. How can I represent God after what I have done?

8. Why do those who seem most sincere and spiritual seem to have so much trouble?

9. Should I laugh? What is appropriate when something is funny?

10. How much tolerance should I have toward the irritating faults of others?

11. How can anyone be cheerful and happy after studying about the time of trouble and the seven last plagues?

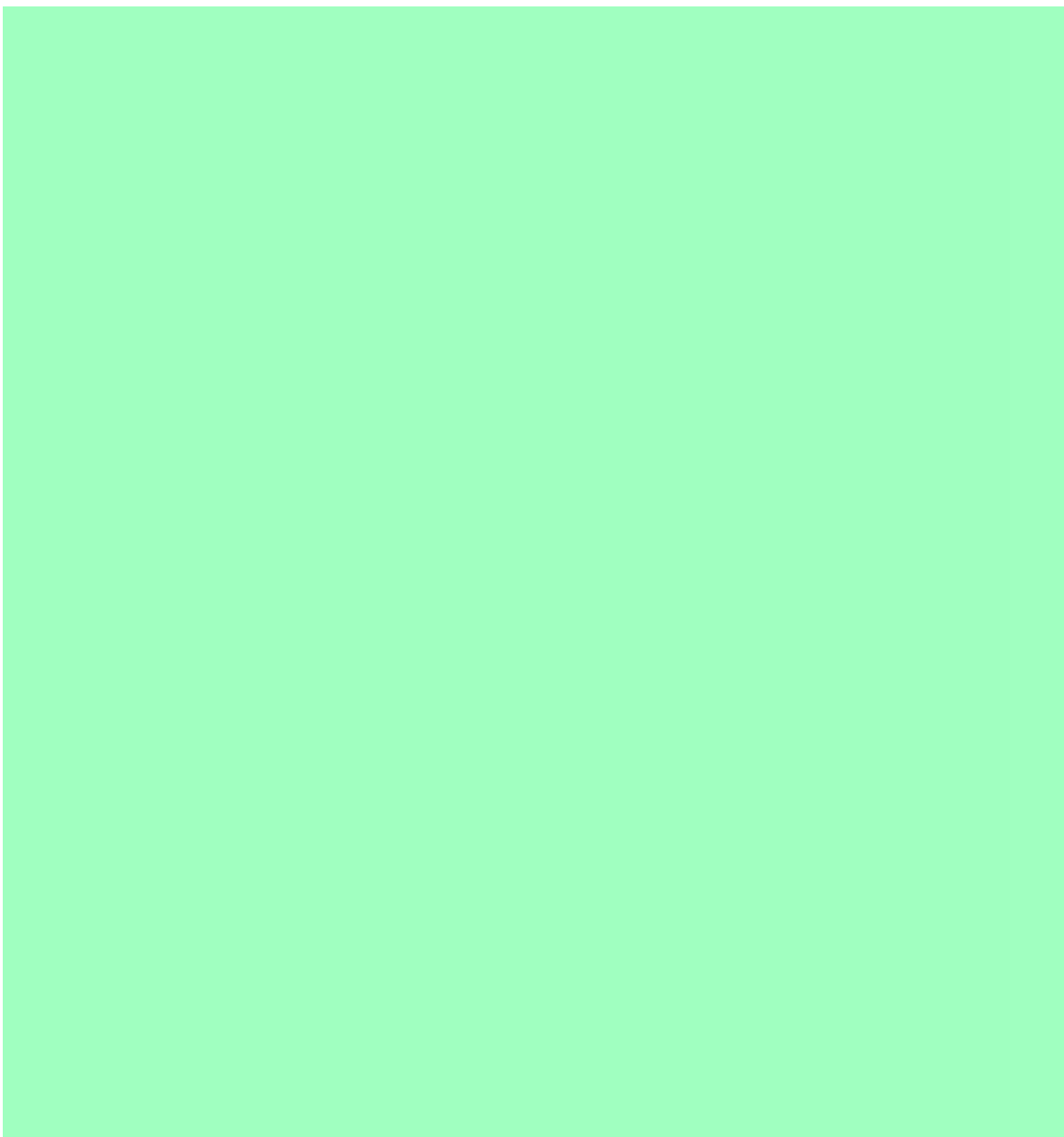
12. It's not the world, but the church that has treated me so bad. How can I get rid of this bitterness?

13. I should be happy, but it's really difficult when God makes me suffer the results of my sin.

14. God never seems to be happy with anything I do. How can I get His approval?



16. [Add your questions].



## Problem Solving

This man has been the Head Elder in a small church for many years. The church has gone through tremendous growth, and there are many new members who are active for the Lord. This year he declared to the Nominating Committee, "If I can't be the Head Elder, and sit in my chair on the platform, I don't want to be an elder at all." The committee decided not to have him serve at all, and selected many new people to serve as elders. Some unkind things were said behind his back, and he found out about them. He is not speaking to those who hurt him, and he is growing more resentful each week. Sometimes he even stays away from church, thinking others are taking sides against him. More and more of the church members are being drawn into this unfortunate situation, some saying that he should have had the Head Elder position, because of his many years of service to the church. Division is growing. How would you turn this situation around spiritually using principles found in the plan of salvation?

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



## QUIZ – 13

Select True or False according to the reference:

1.  T  F We should cultivate a patient tenderness with the faults of others. (SC 13.18).
2.  T  F Your spoken doubts will react only upon yourself. (SC 13.11).
3.  T  F We should give thanks in most things. (I Thessalonians 5:18).
4.  T  F Some people feel impatient and defeated if they cannot explain every portion of Scripture. (SC 12.9).
5.  T  F It is impossible for finite minds fully to comprehend the character and the works of God. (SC 12.3).

Use one or more words to answer the following:

6. List what we should not cast away. (Hebrews 10:35).

7. List one thing we should do to handle business problems. (SC 13.22).

8. List one thing we should keep fresh in our memory. (SC 13.28).

9. What rule should we follow regarding doubt or discouragement? (SC 13.13).

10. What is true regarding the things that happen to us? (Romans 8:28).

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

11. To whom should we relate our troubles? (SC 13.13).

- To God
- To the pastor
- To our close friends
- To the church leaders

12. How is the second coming of Christ referred to? (Titus 2:13).

- The wonderful hope
- The blessed hope
- The great hope
- The glorious hope

13. When God has tried us, how do we come forth? (Job 23:10).

- As silver
- As iron
- As a diamond
- As gold

14. What will keep us in perfect peace? (Isaiah 26:3).

- Learning how to avoid Satan's traps
- Keeping the mind stayed on God
- Looking to self and exercising self-control
- Exercising our spiritual gifts

15. Complete the following passage:

"The children of God are called to be [redacted] of [redacted] showing forth the [redacted] and [redacted] of the Lord." (SC 13.1).