

Steps To Christ

Study Guides

Instructions & Paragraphs

New International Version

Welcome to this set of study guides on the plan of salvation. You will be using the book *Steps to Christ* by Ellen G. White as your textbook.

Paragraph Designations: The numbers enclosed in parentheses following each reference from *Steps to Christ* refer to chapter.paragraph. For example (SC 11.2) refers to Chapter 11 paragraph 2. This was necessary because of the many different versions in print. The paragraphs are the same as the paragraphs on the *Ellen G. White Writings, Comprehensive Research Edition CD* published by The Ellen G. White Estate, Inc.

Scriptures: You will start with a variety of scriptures that relate to the theme of the chapter.

Study Questions: The questions in this section focus your study on the chapter in *Steps to Christ*.

Thought Questions: These are additional questions that might arise from a study of the chapter. Add your own questions as you study the chapter.

Problem Solving: This is practice in applying the principles of the plan of salvation to actual real-life situations.

Additional Exercises: Additional exercises are provided for those who want to do more than the regular lesson provides. Included are a list of things to be thankful about, additional selections to read and topics to research.

Ellen G. White quotes: Selections from the writings of Ellen White supply additional clarification to the topics of this chapter.

Quizzes: The quizzes are designed to be open *Bible/Steps*, and if desired you may take it with others as a group activity.

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Introduction

Scriptures (NIV)

1. **Where was God's promise of a Savior first made?**
Genesis 3:15. "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your _____, and you will strike his _____."
2. **When was the plan of redemption made?**
1 Peter 1:20. "He was chosen _____ the creation of the _____, but was revealed in these last times for your sake."
3. **Does God have a time-table for the events of salvation?**
Galatians 4:4, 5. "4But when the set _____ had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, 5to redeem those under law, that we might receive adoption to sonship."
4. **Has God's plan been written down for us to read?**
Luke 24:27. "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the _____ concerning Himself."
5. **Who is watching the unfolding of this plan of salvation?**
1 Corinthians 4:9. "For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a _____ to the _____, to _____ as well as to _____."
6. **How did God carry out the plan of salvation?**
Matthew 1:23. "'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means '_____ _____')." "
7. **What did God provide for mankind's salvation?**
John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only _____, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have _____."
8. **How does God describe eternal life?**
John 17:3. "Now this is eternal life: that they _____, the only _____, and _____, whom you have sent."

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Lesson 1

God's Love for Man

Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Genesis 1:27.

“So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.” (NIV)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 1.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 1, that best describes the theme of the chapter.

4. List several key points as you read the chapter.
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Scriptures (NIV)

1. **How did God show His love for all people?**
John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he _____ his one and only _____, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
2. **How did God bestow His love upon us?**
1 John 3:1. "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called _____! ..."
3. **How is God described?**
1 John 4:7, 8. "⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because _____."
4. **How has God described Himself?**
Exodus 34:6, 7. "⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The LORD, the LORD, the _____ and _____ God, slow to _____, abounding in _____ and _____, ⁷maintaining _____ to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin, ...'"
5. **How was God's love manifested?**
1 John 4:9. "This is how God showed his love among us: He _____ his one and only Son into the _____ that we might live through Him."
6. **How is love described?**
1 Corinthians 13:4-8. "⁴Love is _____, love is _____. It does not _____, it does not _____, it is not _____. ⁵It does not _____ others, it is not _____, it is not easily _____, it keeps no _____ of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but _____ with the _____. ⁷It always _____, always _____, always _____, always _____. ⁸Love _____"
7. **What was our condition when God loved us?**
Romans 5:8. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still _____, Christ died for us."

8. **How do we develop God's type of love?**
1 John 2:5. "But if anyone _____, love for God is truly made complete in them. ..."
9. **How is God's love perfected in us?**
1 John 4:12. "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, _____ and his love is made complete in us."
10. **What cannot exist where perfect love is?**
1 John 4:18. "There is no _____ in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."
11. **What type of love does God have?**
Jeremiah 31:3. "The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an _____; I have drawn you with unfailing-kindness.'"
12. **Why do we love God?**
1 John 4:19. "We love because _____."
13. **Who loves like Jesus?**
John 15:9. "'As the _____ has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.'"
14. **What do we comprehend when Christ dwells in our hearts?**
Ephesians 3:17-19. "¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how _____ and _____ and _____ and _____ is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that _____—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."
15. **What cannot the true Christian be separated from?**
Romans 8:38, 39. "³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the _____ that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Romans 5:12.

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—” (NIV)

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

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

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Lesson 2

The Sinner's Need of Christ

Scriptures (NIV)

1. **What condition entered our world?**
Romans 5:12. "Therefore, just as _____ entered the world through one man, and _____ through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—"
2. **How many of the human race have sinned?**
Romans 3:23. "for _____ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"
3. **How is man's natural goodness described?**
Isaiah 64:6. "All of us have become like one who is _____, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away."
4. **What is the condition of the human heart?**
Jeremiah 17:9. "The heart is _____ above all things and _____. Who can understand it?"
5. **What is wrong with people who are without God?**
Ephesians 2:3. "All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were _____ deserving of wrath."
6. **What is the condition of the carnal mind?**
Romans 8:7. "The mind governed by the flesh is _____ to God; it does _____ to _____, nor can it do so."
7. **What battle is waged by the Christian?**
Romans 7:18. "For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to _____ what is good, but I _____ carry it out."
8. **What relationship exists between God and mankind?**
Isaiah 59:2. "But your iniquities have _____ you from your God; your sins have _____ his face from you, so that he will _____."
9. **How can mankind again approach unto God?**
John 14:6. "Jesus answered, 'I am the _____ and the _____ and the _____. No one comes to the Father except through _____.'"

10. **What is provided by the death of Christ?**
Ephesians 1:7. "In Him we have _____ through his blood, the _____, in accordance with the riches of God's grace"
11. **Is there more than one way to be saved?**
Acts 4:12. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is _____ under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."
12. **What is required to be saved?**
John 3:5. "Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of _____ and the _____.'"
13. **What is God's desire for all?**
1 Timothy 2:4. "who wants _____ to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."
14. **Who bridged the gulf between God and mankind?**
1 Timothy 2:5. "For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man _____,"
15. **What gift do we receive through Jesus?**
Romans 6:23. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is _____ in Christ Jesus our Lord."
16. **What can we know regarding eternal life?**
1 John 5:11-13. "11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son _____; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you _____ eternal life."

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Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Isaiah 59:2.

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.” (NIV)

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.

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Lesson 3

Repentance

Scriptures (NIV)

1. **What should precede the blotting out of our sins?**
Acts 3:19. "_____, then, and _____, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."
2. **What else is related to repentance?**
Acts 2:38. "Peter replied, 'Repent and be _____, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"
3. **What type of repentance did the Corinthians have?**
2 Corinthians 7:9. "yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to _____: For you became sorrowful as _____ and so were not harmed in any way by us."
4. **How are godly sorrow and worldly sorrow different?**
2 Corinthians 7:10. "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to _____ and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings _____."
5. **What reaction did godly repentance produce?**
2 Corinthians 7:11. "See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what _____, what _____ to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter."
6. **How do the inhabitants of heaven feel about genuine sorrow for sin?**
Luke 15:10. "In the same way, I tell you, there is _____ in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
7. **How does God define genuine repentance?**
Psalm 51:17. "My sacrifice, O God is a broken _____; a broken and a contrite _____ you, God, wilt not despise."
8. **What does God require once we have the light?**
Acts 17:30. "In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to _____."

9. **What is the correct response to a message of repentance?**
Mark 1:4, 5. "The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. _____ their sins, they were _____ by him in the Jordan river."
10. **What leads the sinner to repent?**
Romans 2:4. "Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience; not realizing that _____ is intended to lead you to repentance?"
11. **To whom is the message of repentance given?**
Luke 5:32. "I have not com to call the righteous, but _____ to _____."
12. **What is God's desire for all?**
2 Peter 3:9. "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting _____ to perish, but _____ to come to repentance."
13. **How does God approach the problem of our sins?**
Isaiah 1:18. "'Come now, let us _____ the _____,' says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."
14. **What should our prayer be?**
Psalm 139:23, 24. "_____, God, and know my _____; test me, and know my _____ . See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."
15. **What is God's promise regarding that prayer?**
Philippians 3:15. "All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too _____ to you."

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Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize 1 John 3:4.

“Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.” (NIV)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 4.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 4, that best describes the theme of the chapter.

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

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Lesson 4

Confession

Scriptures (NIV)

1. **How much does God know about what we do?**
Hebrews 4:13, (Numbers 32:23, Psalm 90:8). "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but _____ are naked and opened to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account."
2. **To whom are we responsible for our actions and their correction?**
Psalm 32:5. "I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the _____; And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.'"
3. **How may our sins be forgiven?**
1 John 1:9. "If we _____ our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
4. **What is the contrast between those who confess and those who don't?**
Proverbs 28:13. "He who covers his sins will _____, But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have _____."
5. **How fully will God pardon the sin?**
Isaiah 55:7. "Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have _____ on him; And to our God, For He will _____."
6. **How specific should our confession be?**
Leviticus 5:5. "And it shall be, when he is guilty in any of these *matters*, that he shall _____ that he has sinned in _____."
7. **Is there a place for confession among believers?**
James 5:16. "Confess *your* _____ to one another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed. . . ."
8. **Is there an appropriate time for public confession?**
Acts 19:18. "And many who had believed came _____, and _____ their _____."

9. **What must accompany the forgiveness of sins?**
Ezekiel 33:15, 16. "If the wicked _____ the pledge, _____ what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live."
10. **What direction is given regarding confession of sin?**
Numbers 5:5-7. "Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel, When a man or woman commits any sin that men commit in unfaithfulness against the LORD, and that person is guilty, then he shall confess the sin which he has committed. He shall make _____ for his trespass in full, plus one-fifth of it, and give it to the one he has wronged.'"
11. **Should we pray for others who sin?**
Daniel 9:20. "Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing _____ sin and the sin of _____, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God,"
12. **What attitude must we have for God to forgive our sins?**
Matthew 6:14, 15. "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father _____.
But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."
13. **What was David's attitude regarding forgiveness?**
Psalm 51:1-4, 10, 11. "Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, _____ my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For _____, And my sin *is* always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in Your sight— . . ."
"Create in me a _____, O God, and renew a _____ within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me."

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Lesson 5 Consecration

Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize John 3:16.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (NIV)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 5.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 5, that best describes the theme of the chapter.

4. List several key points as you read the chapter.
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Scriptures (NIV)

1. **What did Joshua urge the people to do?**
Joshua 24:15. "... _____ for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ..."
2. **What did Elijah urge the people to do?**
1 Kings 18:21. "And Elijah came to all the people, and said, 'How long will you _____ between _____? If the LORD is God, _____; ...'"
3. **What is God's part in our choices?**
Philippians 2:13. "for it is _____ who workes in you both to _____ and to _____ for *his* good pleasure."
4. **What must we give up to follow Christ?**
Luke 14:33. "So likewise, whoever of you does not _____ all that he has cannot be My disciple."
5. **What did Jesus say about divided loyalties?**
Matthew 12:30. "He who is not with Me is _____, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad."
6. **What person did Jesus say was not fit for the kingdom of God?**
Luke 9:62. "But Jesus said to him, 'No one, having put his hand to the plow, and _____, is fit for the kingdom of God.'"
7. **What is God's promise if we seek Him?**
Jeremiah 29:13. "And you will _____ Me and _____ Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."
8. **What promise does God make to those who seek after righteousness?**
Matthew 5:6. "Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they _____."
9. **How do those who are fully on God's side feel?**
Romans 1:16. "For I am _____ of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

10. **How does God evaluate us?**
1 Samuel 16:7. "... for *the LORD* does not see as man sees; for man looks at the _____, but the LORD looks at the _____."
11. **What should direct our actions?**
Colossians 3:23, 24. "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the _____ and not to _____, knowing that _____ you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."
12. **What new life do we live?**
Galatians 2:20. "I have been crucified with Christ; is no longer I who live, but _____; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."
13. **What is Christ's invitation?**
Revelation 3:20. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and _____, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."
14. **What choice regarding our eternal life do we have?**
Matthew 16:24-26. "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him _____, and take up his cross, and _____. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and _____? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?'"
15. **How do we find or lose our life?**
Matthew 10:39. "He who finds his life will _____ it, and he who loses his life for my sake will _____ it."
16. **What happened when the disciples were fully consecrated?**
Acts 4:31. "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they _____ the _____ of God with _____."

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Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize 1 John 1:9.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (NIV)

2. Read *Steps to Christ*, Chapter 6.

3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 6, that best describes the theme of the chapter.

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

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Lesson 6

Faith and Acceptance

Scriptures (NIV)

1. **How is faith defined in the Scriptures?**
Hebrews 11:1. "Now faith is the _____ of things hoped for, the _____ of things not seen."
2. **How does God feel when we lack faith?**
Hebrews 11:6. "But without faith *it is* _____ to please *Him*: for he who comes to God must believe that _____, and *that* He is a _____ of those who diligently seek him."
3. **How do we get faith?**
Romans 10:17. "So then faith *comes* by _____, and hearing by the _____."
4. **What is the condition of faith without corresponding works?**
James 2:17. "Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is _____."
5. **What is the contrast between faith and works?**
James 2:18. "But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works. Shew me your faith _____ your works, and I will show you my faith _____ my works.'"
6. **How does Abraham show that faith and obedience go together?**
Hebrews 11:8. "By _____ Abraham _____ when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going."
7. **How does God live His life in us?**
Ephesians 3:17. "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through _____; ..."
8. **What does Paul urge Timothy to do regarding faith?**
1 Timothy 6:12. "Fight the good _____ of _____, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."
9. **How does a follower of God live?**
Habakkuk 2:4. ". . . but the just shall live by his _____."

10. **What accompanies the exercise of faith?**
James 1:5-7. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no _____, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;"
11. **How should the Christian walk?**
2 Corinthians 5:7. "For we walk by _____, not by sight."
12. **How is the righteousness of the believer described?**
Philippians 3:9. "and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the _____ which is from God by _____."
13. **How is a person justified?**
Romans 5:1, 2. "Therefore, having been justified _____, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: through whom also we have access _____ into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."
14. **How do we obtain victory over sin?**
1 John 5:4. "For whatever is _____ overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our _____."
15. **What is the goal of faith?**
1 Peter 1:9. "receiving the end of your _____—the _____ of your souls."
17. **To whom does our faith look?**
Hebrews 12:2. "looking unto _____ the _____ and _____ of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God."

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Lesson 7

The Test of Discipleship

Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Ephesians 2:8, 9.

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.” (NIV)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 7.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 7, that best describes the theme of the chapter.

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

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Scriptures (NIV)

1. **What two elements are necessary for the plan of salvation?**
Ephesians 2:8, 9. "For by _____ you have been saved through _____, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."
2. **What should we do if we love Jesus?**
John 14:15. "If ye love Me, keep my _____."
3. **What is the purpose for the law of God?**
Romans 3:20. "Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be _____ in His sight, for by the law *is* the _____ of _____."
4. **What did the Apostle John desire?**
1 John 2:1. "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may _____. And if anyone sins, we have an _____ with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."
5. **What steps did Jesus take in order to save us?**
Philippians 2:5-8. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of _____, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a _____, and coming in the likeness of _____. And being found in appearance as a man, He _____ and became obedient to *the point of* _____, even the death of the _____."
6. **What is the response of salvation?**
Romans 10:9. "That if thou shalt _____ with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt _____ in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."
7. **What does Christ's righteousness provide?**
Romans 3:24-26. "being _____ freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by his blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed. to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

8. **What is the source of our obedience?**
Romans 6:17. "But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you _____ that form of doctrine to which you were delivered."
9. **How does one purify the soul?**
1 Peter 1:22. "Seeing you have purified your souls in _____ the _____ through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,"
10. **Through whom are we reconciled to God?**
2 Corinthians 5:18, 19. "Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through _____, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that _____ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."
11. **What did Christ become for us?**
2 Corinthians 5:21. "For he made Him who knew no sin *to be* _____ for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
12. **How has God saved us?**
Titus 3:5. "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the _____ of _____ and _____ of the _____;"
13. **To whom is the Holy Spirit given?**
Acts 5:32. "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who _____ him."
14. **How does God value obedience?**
1 Samuel 15:22. "So Samuel said: Has the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in _____ the voice of the LORD? Behold, to _____ *is* _____ than sacrifice, And to _____ than the fat of rams."

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Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!.” (NIV)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 8.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 8, that best describes the theme of the chapter.

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

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Lesson 8

Growing Up Into Christ

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Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Ephesians 1:7.

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us.” (NIV)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 9.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 9, that best describes the theme of the chapter.

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Lesson 9

The Work and the Life

Scriptures (NIV)

1. **What did Jesus say about His life?**
John 17:4. "I have _____ You on the earth. I have _____ the _____ which You have given me to do."
2. **How did the Apostle Paul feel about his life's work?**
2 Timothy 4:6, 7. "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the _____, I have finished the race, I have _____."
3. **What reward awaits those who are victorious?**
2 Timothy 4:8. "Finally, there is laid up for me the _____, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."
4. **What special gifts has God given for witnessing?**
1 Corinthians 12:8-10. "for to one is given the word of _____ through the Spirit, to another the word of _____ through the same Spirit, to another _____ by the same Spirit, to another gifts of _____ by the same Spirit, to another the working of _____, to another _____, to another _____ of spirits, to another *different* kinds of _____, to another the _____ of tongues."
5. **What other gifts are mentioned in Romans?**
Romans 12:4-8. "For as we have many members in one body, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*; if _____, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; or _____, *let us use it in our* ministering; he who teaches, in _____; he who exhorts, in _____; he who _____, with liberality; he who _____, with diligence; he who shows _____, with cheerfulness."
Romans 12:11-13. "Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in _____; _____ to the needs of saints, given to _____."

6. **How else are these gifts listed?**
Ephesians 4:8, 11. "Therefore he says, '*When he ascended on high; He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.*' ... And He Himself gave some to be _____, some _____, some _____, and some _____ and _____."
7. **Why were these gifts given?**
Ephesians 4:12, 13. "For the _____ of the saints for the work of _____, for the _____ of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the _____;"
8. **What was the order of the gifts?**
1 Corinthians 12:28. "And God has appointed these in the church: first _____, second _____, third _____, after that _____, then gifts of _____, _____, _____, varieties of _____."
9. **What great work do all Christians have?**
Matthew 28:19, 20. "'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, _____ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, _____ them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.'"
10. **What happens when Christians depend on God?**
Acts 1:8. "But you shall receive power when the Holy Ghost has come upon you; and you shall be _____ to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
11. **What is God's promise for success?**
Isaiah 55:11. "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall _____ what I please, And it shall _____ *in the thing* for which I sent it."

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1. Memorize Hebrews 4:15.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.” (NIV)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 10.
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Lesson 10

A Knowledge of God

Scriptures (NIV)

1. **What should the Christian glory in?**
Jeremiah 9:24. "But let him who glories glory in this, That He _____ and _____, That I *am* the LORD exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,' saith 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 _____ wills to _____."
3. **Who did Philip want Jesus to reveal?**
John 14:8, 9. "Philip said to Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known me, Philip? He who has seen _____ has seen the _____; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father?'"
4. **What do God's created works reveal?**
Psalm 19:1. "The heavens declare the _____ of _____; And the firmament shows his _____."
5. **What reaction do those have who can see God?**
Revelation 4:10, 11. "the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and _____ Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: _____, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."
6. **Where do we begin?**
Proverbs 9:10. "The _____ is the beginning of wisdom, And the _____ is understanding."
7. **How can we understand the invisible things of God?**
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 the accept them?**
Romans 1:22-25. "Professing to be wise, they became _____, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also _____ to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 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 dwelles 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*."

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1. Memorize Acts 4:12.

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” (NIV)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 11.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 11, that best describes the theme of the chapter.

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Lesson 11

The Privilege of Prayer

Scriptures (NIV)

1. **What should be done before praying for our needs?**
Matthew 6:33. "But seek first _____ and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
2. **Our prayers should be asked according to what?**
1 John 5:14, 15. "¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything _____, he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him"
3. **What helps God answer our prayers?**
1 John 3:22. "And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we _____ and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."
4. **What were David's times for prayer?**
Psalm 55:17. "_____ and _____ and at _____ I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice."
5. **In whose name should we pray?**
John 14:13, 14. "And whatever you ask in _____, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*."
6. **What should our attitude be when we pray?**
Mark 11:24. "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, _____ that ye receive *them*, and you will have *them*."
7. **With what steadfastness should we pray?**
James 1:6, 7. "But let him ask in _____, with no _____, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord."
8. **How is praying described, and what are its results?**
Matthew 7:7, 8. "_____, and it will be given to you; _____, and you will find; _____, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks _____, and he who seeks _____, and to him who knocks it will be _____."
9. **What habit did Jesus have regarding prayer?**

- Mark 1:35. "Now in the _____, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a _____, and there He prayed."
10. **What prevents God from hearing our prayers?**
Psalm 66:18. "If I _____ in my heart, The Lord will not hear."
 11. **In most circumstances, what is the proper posture for prayer?**
Psalm 95:6. "O come, let us worship and _____; Let us _____ before the LORD our maker."
 12. **What should accompany our prayers?**
Philippians 4:6. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with _____, let your requests be made known to God."
 13. **What is included in the prayer for the sick?**
James 5:14, 15. "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the _____ of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with _____ in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has _____, he will be forgiven."
 14. **What diligence should we show with our prayers?**
1 Thessalonians 5:17. "pray without _____."
 15. **Who should we pray for?**
1 Timothy 2:1, 2. "¹Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for _____, ²for _____ and all who are in _____, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."
 16. **What promise does God make regarding our need?**
Philippians 4:19. "And my God shall supply _____ according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

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1. Memorize Matthew 16:26.

“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” (NIV)

2. Read *Steps to Christ*, Chapter 12.
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Lesson 12

What to Do with Doubt

Scriptures (NIV)

1. **What two types of people come to and go from the truth?**
John 3:20, 21. "For everyone _____ hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who _____ comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."
2. **What counsel did Jesus give regarding the light?**
John 12:35, 36. "Then Jesus said to them, 'A little while longer the light is with you. _____ while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While ye have light, _____ in the light, that you may become sons of light.' These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them."
3. **What results from love or hate?**
1 John 2:10, 11. "He who _____ his brother abides in the _____, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who _____ his brother is in _____ and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes."
4. **What warning is given?**
Hebrews 3:12. "_____, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of _____ in departing from the living God."
5. **What gives fellowship with other believers?**
1 John 1:7. "But if we _____, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."
6. **What change to our present condition will be made?**
1 Corinthians 13:12. "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as _____."
8. **In whom does the Lord have no pleasure?**
Hebrews 10:38. "*Now the just shall live by faith: but if anyone _____, My soul has no pleasure in him.*"

7. **What eventually happens to those who doubt the truth, and don't make a choice for it?**
1 John 2:19. "They _____, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us."
9. **What condition makes understanding truth possible?**
John 7:17. "If anyone wills _____, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on my won *authority*."
10. **What is the reason the unrighteous will perish?**
2 Thessalonians 2:10. "and with all unrighteous deception among those that perish, because they did not receive the _____, that they might be saved."
11. **What happens to those who choose not to receive the truth?**
2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12. "And for this reason God will send them _____, that they should _____, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness."
12. **What restrains our desire to speculate?**
Deuteronomy 29:29. "The _____ *belong* to the LORD our God, but those *things which are revealed belong* to us and to our children forever, that *we may do* all the words of this law."
13. **Why do some have trouble with Paul's writings?**
2 Peter 3:16. "as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which _____ and _____ *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures."
14. **Why will some believers leave the truth?**
1 Timothy 4:1. "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to _____ and _____ of _____."

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1. Memorize Revelation 3:20.

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” (NIV)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 13.
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Lesson 13

Rejoicing in the Lord

Scriptures (NIV)

1. **What accompanies us on the true path of life?**
Psalm 16:11. "You will show me the path of life; in Your presence *is* _____; at Your right hand *are* _____ for evermore."
2. **Why did Jesus share the truth with his disciples?**
John 15:11. "These things I have spoken to you, that _____ may remain in you, and *that* _____ may be _____."
3. **What should we do when trouble comes?**
1 Peter 4:12, 13. "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but _____ to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be _____ with _____."
4. **How often should we be thankful?**
Ephesians 5:20. "giving thanks _____ 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 _____ 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 _____ work together for _____ 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 _____: 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 in prayer, and watch in the same with _____;"
15. **What is the strength of the Christian?**
Nehemiah 8:10. "Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day *is* holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the _____ is your strength."
16. **What is God's secret for perfect peace?**
Isaiah 26:3. "Thou wilt keep *him* in _____, whose mind *is* stayed on *thee*: because he trusteth in thee."
17. **What is the fruit of the Spirit?**
Galatians 5:22, 23. "But the fruit of the Spirit is _____, _____, longuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."