

Chapter 7
The Test of Discipleship

How to use this study guide: Please read and number each paragraph (¶) in each chapter in your booklet STEPS TO CHRIST for easy reference.

¶ 1. *What is the experience of the man who is in Christ? (2 Cor. 5:17)*

*How does Jesus compare the Spirit of God in its work upon the human heart?
(John 3:8)*

A. What can we do to change our heart?

B. How will our lives reveal whether the grace of God is dwelling within us?

C. How is the character revealed?

¶ 2. *Is it true that there may be an outward correctness of deportment without the renewing power of Christ?*

Name some of the motives that may produce a well-ordered life:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

"By what means, then, shall we determine whose side we are on?"

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¶ 3. *"Who has the heart? With whom are our thoughts? Of whom do we love to converse? Who has our warmest affections and our best energies?"*
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____

¶ 4. *What will those who become new creatures in Christ Jesus bring forth? (Gal. 5:22,23)*
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
D. _____
E. _____
F. _____

What will Christians now seek? (1 Pet. 3:3,4)

¶ 5. *What is the evidence of genuine repentance that works reformation?*
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
D. _____

¶ 6. *What happens when, as erring, sinful beings, we come to Christ and become partakers of His pardoning grace?*
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
D. _____

¶ 7. *How will the loveliness of the character of Christ be seen in His followers? (1 John 4:19)*

What is the principle of action in the heart renewed by grace? - and how does it manifest itself?

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¶ 8. What are the two errors against which the children of God especially need to guard?
1st A. _____

¶ 9. What is the second error
2nd B. _____

¶ 10. What is obedience?

A. What does the law of God express?

"If our hearts are renewed in the likeness of God, if the divine love is implanted in the soul, will not the law of God be carried out in the life?" (Heb. 10:16)

"And if the law is written in the heart, will it not shape the life?"

Key: What is the true sign of discipleship? (1 John 5:3)

What makes us partakers of the grace of Christ, which enables us to render obedience?

¶ 11. Can we earn salvation by our obedience?

What is the true test? (1 John 3:5,6,7)

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How is righteousness defined?

¶ 12. *What is presumption? How are you saved? (Eph. 2:8)*

What did Jesus say of Himself? (Ps. 40:8; John 15:10)

What does Scripture say? (1 John 2:3-6 & 1 Pet. 2:21)

¶ 13. *What is the condition of eternal life?*

What would happen if eternal life were granted on any condition short of this?

A.

B.

¶ 14. *Why has Christ made a way of escape for us?*

What is Christ offering us?

How will you be accounted righteous?

How can you be accepted before God?

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¶ 15. *More than this, what takes place?*

How are you to maintain this connection with Christ? (Gal. 2:20; Mat 10:20)

¶ 16. *What is our only ground of hope?*

¶ 17. *What is the distinction between belief and faith?*

A. *Belief:* (Jas. 2:19)

B. *Faith*

How is the heart renewed in the image of God?

What is the state of the unrenewed heart?

What is the response of the renewed heart? (Ps. 119:97; Rom. 8:1)

¶ 18. *What should those do who have known the pardoning love of Christ and who really desire to be children of God, but yet realize that their character is imperfect?*

(1 John 2:1)

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

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¶ 19. *What will happen when you come closer to Jesus?*

¶ 20. *What will be the experience of the soul transformed by the grace of Christ?*

¶ 21. *What will take place when we esteem ourselves less?*

What will Christ do for us when we reach out to Him in our helplessness?

What will be our experience when our sense of need drives us to Christ?
