

Ch 6: Faith & Acceptance

Steps to Christ

Part 1: First 3 Pages (p49-51)

While we want to give our hearts completely to God and receive his forgiveness it can sometimes feel impossible to obtain. Thankfully, God's promises are true for all who believe. Regardless of what our past, our thoughts, or even our actions try to tell us about our standing with God, we are to believe what God has spoken about us. His Word says that we are His children and that He has given us His Spirit. By faith we live according to this promise.

Discussion Questions

1. Who is someone you know who always keeps/kept their word?
2. What is your favorite story in the Bible showing the power of God's word?
 - a. Creation (Genesis 1)
 - b. Jesus calming the raging sea (Mark 4:35-41)
 - c. Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44)
 - d. Jesus expelling demons (Luke 8:26-39)
 - e. Other
3. What do Bible stories like these tell us about what God has said about us?
 - a. His promises are always kept
 - b. He can do even the hardest things
 - c. Sin and all evil don't stand a chance against Him
 - d. I can trust His word regardless of how things may appear
 - e. Other

Activity

Have you ever played Simon says? As a family, take turns being "Simon" and tell the other(s) what to do: touch your nose, sit, stand, jump, etc. You are only supposed to do the action, when Simon says: "Simon says". If the magic words aren't said, and you move you are out!

What is cool is that the universe and everything in it is kind of like a game of "Jesus Says"! Every word He says accomplishes something. And He has said some pretty powerful things about you!

Part 2: Remaining pages (p52-55)

God is on your side. While Satan wants us to believe that there is no way we can know we are right with God, the Bible tells us that there is now no condemnation for us who are in Christ. When we feel far from God, we exercise our faith to believe that God has provided His Son that there may be nothing to separate us from His Love.

Discussion Questions

1. Satan is working hard to spread lies about God to turn people away from our loving Savior. What lies have you heard or believed about Jesus?
 - a. I haven't been a good Christian lately, so God isn't with me
 - b. I keep breaking my promises to God, I need to rebuild His trust in me
 - c. I'll never know if I am "saved", because I might mess up
 - d. I don't feel like I have a new heart, I must not be doing something right
 - e. Other

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2. Rather than looking at ourselves and what we can do, God invites us to look to Him and what He accomplished in Jesus. Read the truth in these verses and match them with the lies from question 1.
 - a. 2 Corinthians 1:20-22
 - b. Romans 8:38-39
 - c. 2 Cor 5:17, Ezekiel 36:26
 - d. John 5:24, Ephesians 2:8-9

3. What are some ways that we can practice our faith to accept the promises of God and the good work He has accomplished in our lives?
 - a. Sharing testimonies with others
 - b. Keep a prayer journal
 - c. Singing praise music & hymns that remind me of His Truth
 - d. Personal prayer & prayer with friends
 - e. Listening for the Holy Spirit when I doubt
 - f. Others?

Activity

Get a post it note for each person in your family/ home. On one side write about how God sees you (worthy in His eyes, precious treasure, his son/daughter) on the other side write the opposite (unworthy of love, failure, etc). Give your note to someone else so that they can only see the bad message. Discuss how Satan encourages us to look at ourselves without hope and how it makes us feel. Flip the note over to see the truth. Discuss how liberating it is to know the truth of how God sees us.

Chapter 6: Notable Quotes Activity

Locate and underline the quotes below in your copy of *Steps to Christ*. Read them at least 2x. Which of them do you think is the most:

- a. **Reassuring** b. **Amazing** c. **Exciting** d. **Thought provoking?**

Are there others that caught your eye?

It is peace that you need—Heaven's forgiveness and peace and love in the soul. Money cannot buy it, intellect cannot procure it, wisdom cannot attain to it; you can never hope, by your own efforts, to secure it. But God offers it to you as a gift (p. 49)

Now go to Him, and ask that He will wash away your sins and give you a new heart. Then believe that He does this because He has promised. This is the lesson which Jesus taught while He was on earth, that the gift which God promises us, we must believe we do receive, and it is ours. (p. 49)

If you believe the promise,—believe that you are forgiven and cleansed,—God supplies the fact; you are made whole, just as Christ gave the paralytic power to walk when the man believed that he was healed. It is so if you believe it. (p. 51)

Through this simple act of believing God, the Holy Spirit has begotten a new life in your heart. You are as a child born into the family of God, and He loves you as He loves His Son. (p. 51)

The Spirit invites you today. Come with your whole heart to Jesus, and you may claim His blessing. (p. 54)

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