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AN INVITATION TO THE READER

We are glad you have received the *Steps to Christ Bible Study Guide*. It is our prayer that you will go through these lessons and draw closer to Christ; the One who offers you friendship, peace, and eternal life.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDY

- (1) PRAY FOR GUIDANCE** Each time you study, pray for discernment and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Approach your study with an open mind. Avoid preconceived ideas that may have a negative influence on your search for truth.

- (2) READ THE QUESTION** Read each question slowly taking extra time to contemplate and understand it. This will result in the greatest benefit from your study.

- (3) FIND THE ANSWER** Use any Bible to look up the reference text listed below the answer space. Read the reference and surrounding texts to gain an understanding of their context. Write a concise answer on the blanks provided in your study guide. If you want to confirm your answer you may look it up in the answer section located in the back.

For a deeper understanding, read and compare the reference and related texts in multiple versions of Scripture. Use a concordance, column references, and a dictionary to look up unfamiliar words and search for other related texts.

- (4) CONTEMPLATE THE RESULTS** Reread the question and answer, then read the commentary. Contemplate the significance of what you have just studied and ask for wisdom from the Lord to help you know how to apply it to your life.

- (5) CONTINUE TO STUDY** It is our prayer that you will continue to study God's Word. We encourage you to contact your source for this guide and obtain other inspirational materials that will aid in your spiritual growth.

SUGGESTIONS FOR GROUP STUDY

- (1) ASSIGN A LEADER** It is important to appoint an individual to lead your study group. This may be a pastor, church leader, or a shared responsibility among the group members. This individual's responsibility is to keep the discussion objective and encourage participation.
- (2) PREDETERMINE STUDY METHODS** Make a group decision whether to include outside materials in your study sessions. As a rule, study time will be the most fruitful when the focus is on Biblical references.
- (3) PRE-STUDY THE LESSON** Encourage each member of your group to study the lesson prior to meeting. This will result in the greatest benefit to each individual as well as enhancing his/her ability to participate in discussion.
- (4) BEGIN WITH PRAYER** Each time you meet always invite the Lord to be present in your study session and the Holy Spirit to be your guide.
- (5) READ QUESTION** The group leader may read or appoint another member of the group to read the questions.
- (6) READ ANSWER & COMMENTARY** The group leader can ask for volunteers to give the answer and related commentary. When time allows, ask for answers derived from various translations to increase participation and understanding.
- (7) DISCUSSION** The most benefit will be gained if the leader does not lecture the group but rather leads it. Each member of the group should be encouraged to participate in the capacity he/she is comfortable. One member of the group should not dominate the discussion. Encourage sensitivity to the feelings and opinions of others even in disagreement.
- (8) TESTIMONY** Have a time at the beginning or end of your session for brief testimonies. This can be general or limited to the subject matter being studied.



God's Love For Man - 1

(1) HOW DOES GOD SHOW HIS LOVE TO ALL HIS CREATURES?

Psalms 145:15, 16

Related Texts: Philippians 4:19; Psalms 104:21, 27; 136:25; Matthew 6:26; Joel 2:22; Psalm 36:7-9

Nature and the Bible reveal God's wonderful love. Our Father in heaven is the One who gives us life. He helps us to make good decisions, and He is the way to find joy. Look at the

beautiful gifts in nature. Think of the marvelous ways He has provided for the needs and happiness of all living creatures. He has given sunshine and rain to brighten and refresh the earth. In the hills, the seas, and the plains we can clearly see our Creator's love. It is God who provides the daily needs of His creatures.

(2) IN WHAT MANNER DOES THE BIBLE DESCRIBE GOD?

1 John 4:16

Related Texts: Lamentations 3:22, 23; Romans 8:38, 39; 1 John 4:8, 12, 13

In the beginning God made man perfectly holy and happy. He created the earth with no sign of decay or death. It was the breaking of God's law, based on love, that has brought us misery and death. But even in the middle of suffering that comes from sin, God's love is very clear. Psalms 104. In Genesis 3:17 is recorded the curse to the ground that was caused by the choice of sin and given by God for our good. The thorns and stickers are like the difficulties and trials which make our life hard. These are allowed for our good as a part of the training needed, according to God's plan, to help repair the damage that sin has caused. Even though the world has suffered the results of sin, God's love can be seen in the flowers among the thistles, and with the roses among the thorns.

"God is love" is shown on the bud of every flower that opens and on every blade of grass that grows. You can tell that God cares for us and wants to make us happy by hearing the lovely birds sing, by smelling the sweet scent of flowers in the air, and seeing the tall, beautiful trees in the forests.

(3) WHAT ARE SOME ATTRIBUTES OF GOD'S CHARACTER?

Micah 7:18

Related Texts: Exodus 15:11; 34:6, 7; Psalms 103:9; 112:4; 145:8; 71:19; 86:5; Isaiah 55:7; Jonah 4:2

In the holy Scriptures we can find out what God is like. He tells us of His unending love and mercy. When Moses prayed, "Show me Thy glory," He answered, "I

will make all My goodness pass before thee." Exodus 33:18,19; Jonah 4:2.

God draws our hearts to Him by blessings which cannot be numbered. He seeks to show Himself to us through nature, and by the deepest and most tender ties that our hearts can know. But even all these fail to show the whole picture of His love.

(4) HOW WILL WE VIEW GOD IF WE DON'T KNOW HIM BUT BELIEVE SATAN'S FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HIS CHARACTER?

Micah 7:17

Related Texts: Exodus 15:14-16; Joshua 2:9-11; 9:24; Psalm 9:20; Isaiah 2:19-21; 64:2; Jeremiah 33:9; Revelation 6:15-17

Satan works hard to blind our minds from seeing our blessings and even though we receive them, many of us look at God in fear and think He is strict and unforgiving. Satan has deceived many into thinking that God's main goal is to punish them. He wants everyone to believe God is a severe judge who operates like a mean merciless creditor. The devil wants us to picture our Creator as always watching closely for any mistake we may make so He can punish us. Jesus came to live here with us on earth to do away with these false beliefs and reveal the immeasurable love of God.

(5) WHAT GREAT PRIVILEGE DID MANKIND LOSE AFTER MAKING THE CHOICE TO SIN?

John 1:18

Related Texts: John 6:46; Exodus 33:20; 1 Timothy 6:16; 1 John 4:12, 20

(6) HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT THE FATHER IS LIKE?

John 14:7

Related Texts: John 17:4-8, 26; 5:19, 20; 1 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 1:15

Jesus came down to this earth to show us His Father. When one of the disciples asked, "Show us the Father," Jesus answered, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" John 14:8, 9.

(7) FOR WHAT OTHER REASONS DID JESUS ALSO COME TO EARTH?

Luke 4:18, 19

Related Texts: Acts 10:38; 26:18; Matthew 11:5; Isaiah 29:18, 19; 35:5, 6; Psalm 147:3; 107:13-20; 146:7-9

The mission of Jesus was to go around doing good and healing those who were being attacked by Satan. There were villages where there wasn't one cry from a sick person because as He traveled through He had healed them all. The things He did revealed that He was heavenly anointed. Love,

mercy, and compassion were shown in every act of His life, and His heart went out in tender sympathy to all. He became like us so that he could minister to our needs. Even the poorest and humblest people were not afraid to approach Him. Little children liked to be around Him. They loved to climb on His lap and look into His thoughtful face, gracious with love.

(8) HOW DID CHRIST PRESENT HIMSELF AND THE GOSPEL MESSAGE?

John 1:14

Related Texts: John 1:16, 17; Psalm 45:2; 85:10, 11; Colossians 1:19; 1 Timothy 1:14

Jesus didn't hold back one word of truth. He spoke it always in love. He was always tactful and thoughtful as He associated with people. He was never rude, never spoke a severe word or allowed pain unless it was for someone's good. He did not condemn people for their human weaknesses. He always spoke the truth in love. He exposed those who pretended to be righteous and were not. He was against unbelief and wickedness. Tears were in His voice as He warned people of their wrongdoing. He cried over Jerusalem, the city He loved, which refused to accept Him, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. They had rejected Him, their Saviour, but He still treated them with pity and tenderness. His life was filled with unselfishness and kindness to others and every person was precious in His eyes. He showed tender respect to every member of the family of God. He saw every person as a soul who had fallen and it was His goal to save.

The character of Jesus and God, His Father, was revealed by the way Jesus lived. It is from the Father's heart that streams of heavenly compassion, which could be seen in Christ, flowed out to God's earthly children. Jesus, our tender and pitying Saviour, was God "manifest in the flesh." 1 Timothy 3:16.

(9) HOW WAS JESUS TREATED ON EARTH FOR OUR SAKE?

Isaiah 53:3-5

Related Texts: Isaiah 53:11, 12; Matthew 26:67, 68; 27:39-44; Mark 15:15-20; Hebrews 12:2, 3; John 1:10, 11; Romans 4:25; 1 Peter 3:18; 2:23, 24

Jesus came, lived, suffered and died to save us. He became a "Man of Sorrows," so we could have everlasting joy. God permitted His Son, full of grace and truth, whom He loved very much, to leave the indescribable glory of heaven and come to this world darkened with the shadow of death. He left the presence of His Father and the worship of angels to suffer shame, insult, humiliation, hatred and death. Look at His experience in the wilderness, in Gethsemane, and on the cross! The spotless Son of God took upon Himself the burden of sin. He who had been one with God felt in His soul the awful separation sin brings between God and man.

(10) WHAT WORDS DID JESUS CRY OUT IN AGONY TO THE FATHER?

Matthew 27:46

Related Texts: Isaiah 59:2; Proverbs 15:8, 29; Jeremiah 5:25; Micah 3:4

It was the burden of sin, the sense of its terrible effects, the separation of the soul from God that broke the heart of the Son of God.

(11) WHAT ARE TWO FUNDAMENTAL REASONS THAT GOD SENT HIS SON TO THIS EARTH?

John 3:16

2 Corinthians 5:19

Related Texts: John 17:23; 1:29; Romans 3:24-26; 5:10, 11; 1 John 2:1, 2; 4:10; 1 Peter 4:14; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

God did not make this great sacrifice in order to create a love for us in His own heart or to become willing to save us. No, no! "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son." The Father doesn't love us because of this great sacrifice but He provided this great sacrifice because He loves us. Christ was the medium through which God could pour out His endless love upon a fallen world. God suffered with His Son in the agony of Gethsemane and His death on Calvary. His heart of immeasurable love paid the price so that we could be saved.

(12) HOW DID JESUS DESCRIBE HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE

ACT OF SAVING FALLEN HUMANITY AND WHAT WAS THE FATHER'S RESPONSE?

John 10:17

Related Texts: Philippians 2:6-9; Titus 2:14; John 17:4, 5, 21-26; Hebrews 2:9, 14, 15

In other words He was saying, "My Father has loved you so much that He even loves Me more for giving My life to redeem you. In taking your place and becoming your Assurance, by giving My life to pay the price for your sins, I am dear to My Father. For by My sacrifice, God can be just, and yet the Justifier of him who believes in Jesus."

No one else but the Son of God could have redeemed fallen man because only He who was so close to the Father could have shown Him to us. Only Jesus who knew the height and depth of the love of God could fully reveal Him. There is nothing less than this infinite sacrifice made by Jesus for us that could show the Father's love to the people lost in this world.

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son." He sent Him not only to live among us, to bear our sins, and die in our place, He gave Him to our fallen race. Christ came to identify Himself with the interests and needs of those who live on this earth.

(13) WHAT IS JESUS NOT ASHAMED TO CALL US?

Hebrews 2:11

Related Texts: Matthew 12:48-50; 25:40; John 17:21; 20:17; Romans 8:29

He who was one with God has linked Himself with us by ties that are never to be broken. Jesus is not ashamed to call us brethren. He is our Sacrifice, our Defender, our Brother, taking our human form before the Father's throne. Through eternal ages He will be a part of the race He has redeemed. He is the Son of Man. He did all this so that we might be uplifted from the damage and shame of sin. He did it so that we might reflect the love of God, and share the joy of holiness.

(14) IN HIS AMAZING LOVE, WHAT GREAT HONOR HAS THE FATHER BESTOWED UPON US?

1 John 3:1

Related Texts: 2 Corinthians 6:18; Romans 9:25, 26; Galatians 4:5, 6; Hosea 1:10

The immeasurable sacrifice of our heavenly Father in giving His Son to die was the price paid for saving us. This should give us greater understanding of what we may become through Christ. As John saw the great height and depth of the Father's love toward the dying race, he was filled with adoration and reverence. He could not even find the words to express the greatness and tenderness of God's love so he said, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

(15) HOW DO WE BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD?

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John 1:12

Related Texts: Romans 8:14-17, 21; Galatians 3:26; Jeremiah 3:14, 19, 22

What value this gives us! By sin, we come under the control of Satan, but by faith in the saving sacrifice of Jesus, we may become the children of God. By taking on human nature, Christ lifts us up. We as fallen beings are placed where, through connection with Christ, we may truly become worthy of the name “children of God.”

There is no greater love than our Father’s invitation to become His children. What a precious promise! This is the theme for the deepest thoughts. The matchless love of God for a world that did not love Him! The thought has a captivating power upon the heart, and brings the mind under control of the will of God. The more we study His divine character and how it is involved with the cross, the more we see mercy, tenderness, and forgiveness mixed with fairness and justice. The more clearly we will know the countless signs of a love that is without end. His tender pity goes beyond a mother’s longing concern for her child that has gone astray.

I am grateful to our heavenly Father for the beauty of nature and providing for my needs and the needs of all living creatures.

Circle: Yes Undecided

I am filled with love as I come to realize the mercy, long-suffering and compassion that He has shown me in the gift of His dear Son.

Circle: Yes Undecided

I am amazed to realize how Jesus came to this earth and showed His love by healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, comforting the broken hearted, and giving His life to redeem fallen humanity.

Circle: Yes Undecided

It is my desire to spend more time in the Word of God so that I may better understand His love and how I can become His child.

Circle: Yes Undecided

Study notes - Prayer Requests - Answered Prayers: _____

Answer Key

The words of your answer may vary according to the translation of the Bible you use, but the overall meaning should remain the same.

LESSON 1

- (1) He provides food and satisfies the desires of every living thing.
 - (2) God is love.
 - (3) He pardons iniquity, forgiving of transgressions, delights in mercy.
 - (4) We will become afraid of God.
 - (5) No man has seen God at any time.
 - (6) The Son will reveal Him.
 - (7) To preach the gospel, to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, to give sight to the blind, to set at liberty the bruised, and to announce that it is the year of the Lord.
 - (8) Full of grace and truth.
 - (9) Despised and rejected, not esteemed but considered stricken, smitten of God, afflicted, wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities.
 - (10) My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me.
 - (11) (a) Because God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son.
(b) To reconcile the world unto Himself and forgive our trespasses.
 - (12) I lay down my life that I might take it again. No man takes it. I lay it down. The Father loves Him for doing it.
 - (13) His brethren.
 - (14) We are called the children of God.
 - (15) By receiving Him and believing on Jesus name we become children of God.
- (4) mountains to fall on them to hide from His face and wrath.
 - (5) No one can bring a clean thing out of one that is unclean.
 - (6) We must be born again.
 - (7) They are revealed by the Holy Spirit.
 - (8) We, like Paul, are carnal and sold under sin.
 - (9) Christ Jesus.
 - (10) He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and no one can come to the Father but through Jesus.
 - (11) Salvation is a gift of God, lest any man should boast.
 - (12) He (Christ) appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

LESSON 3

- (1) Repent.
- (2) The True Light (Christ).
- (3) (a) Have mercy upon me, cleanse me, I acknowledge my transgression.
(b) Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me.
- (4) Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven.
- (5) Come to Christ with our burdens and find rest; take on His yoke and learn of Him.
- (6) The Prince and Saviour (Jesus) gives repentance.
- (7) Every person.
- (8) Let him who is thirsty come, let him take the water of life freely.
- (9) We are unclean, our righteousness are as filthy rags.
- (10) He became pale and lost His strength.
- (11) "Sin revived and I died."

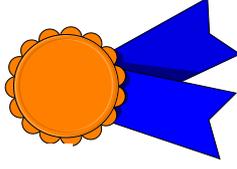
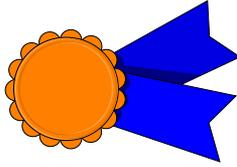
LESSON 2

- (1) Wisdom and good understanding.
- (2) They were afraid because they realized their nakedness.
- (3) They will cry for the rocks and

LESSON 4

- (1) Pride.
- (2) God be merciful to me a sinner.

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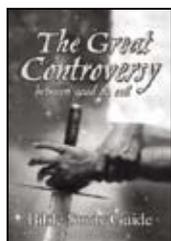
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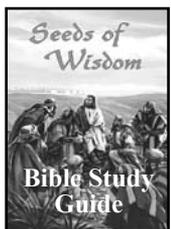
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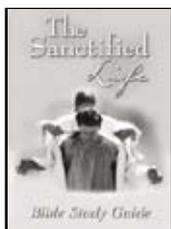
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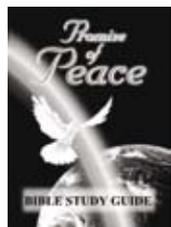
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