



Lesson #4 - How to Have A Personal Relationship with Jesus

“You who in heart long for something better than this world can give, recognize this longing as the voice of God to your soul. Ask Him to give you repentance, to reveal Christ to you in His infinite love, in His perfect purity. In the Saviour's life the principles of God's law--love to God and man--were perfectly exemplified. Benevolence, unselfish love, was the life of His soul. It is as we behold Him, as the light from our Saviour falls upon us, that we see the sinfulness of our own hearts. {Steps to Christ, pg. 69}

1. Are we to “change” ourselves before coming to Jesus? Jer. 13:23

2. Must we repent or reform before coming to Christ? Mt. 11:28-30

3. What does repentance include? 2 Cor. 7:9-10

Repent - “to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life” Merriam-Webster

“Repentance includes sorrow for sin and a turning away from it. We shall not renounce sin unless we see its sinfulness; until we turn away from it in heart, there will be no real change in the life.” {Ibid, pg. 23}

4. Is there any assurance that if we confess that God will accept us? 1 John 1:9; Eze. 33:15

5. When we thus give ourselves to Christ, we become new creatures in him and what has become to the “old man” or “old ways”? 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Roms. 6:1-7; Gal. 2:20

6. The old man is also known as what? Eph. 4:22

7. The new man is known as what? Eph. 4:24

8. How much does this gift cost us? How much did it cost Jesus? Isa. 55:1; Eph. 2:8; John 3:16; Phil. 2:5-8

9. Is this experience only needed once? John 3:30; 1 Cor. 15:51

10. Can God be trusted to fulfill His work of grace in us? Phil 1:6; Jude 24

11. When we partake of the Divine Nature, what happens to the sinful habits that had bound us? 2 Peter 1:4

12. How is this new life to be maintained? Col 2:6



Many have an idea that they must do some part of the work alone. They have trusted in Christ for the forgiveness of sin, but now they seek by their own efforts to live aright. But every such effort must fail. Jesus says, “Without Me ye can do nothing.” Our growth in grace, our joy, our usefulness,--all depend upon our union with Christ. It is by communion with Him, daily, hourly,--by abiding in Him, --that we are to grow in grace. He is not only the Author, but the Finisher of our faith. It is Christ first and last and always. He is to be with us, not only at the beginning and the end of our course, but at every step of the way. David says, “I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.” Psalm 16:8. {Ibid 69}

I understand that the grace of God is a free given that is mine to accept or reject.

I choose to give myself to Jesus just as I am and believe that He will forgive, cleanse, and sanctify my heart by his grace.

Next Lesson: The Day Heaven Will be Silent!