

Lesson Three:

FIVE STEPS FROM MAN TO GOD

IMMERSION

5

Romans 6
Acts 22:16
Galatians 3:27
I Peter 3:21
I Corinthians 12:13
YIELD!

CONFESS

4

Romans 10
Matthew 16:16
Acts 8:37
I Timothy 6:12,13
John 20:28
SPEAK!

Five Steps
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To

God

REPENT

3

Luke 15
Acts 2:38
Acts 3:19
Acts 17:30,31
Job 42:6
TURN!

BELIEVE

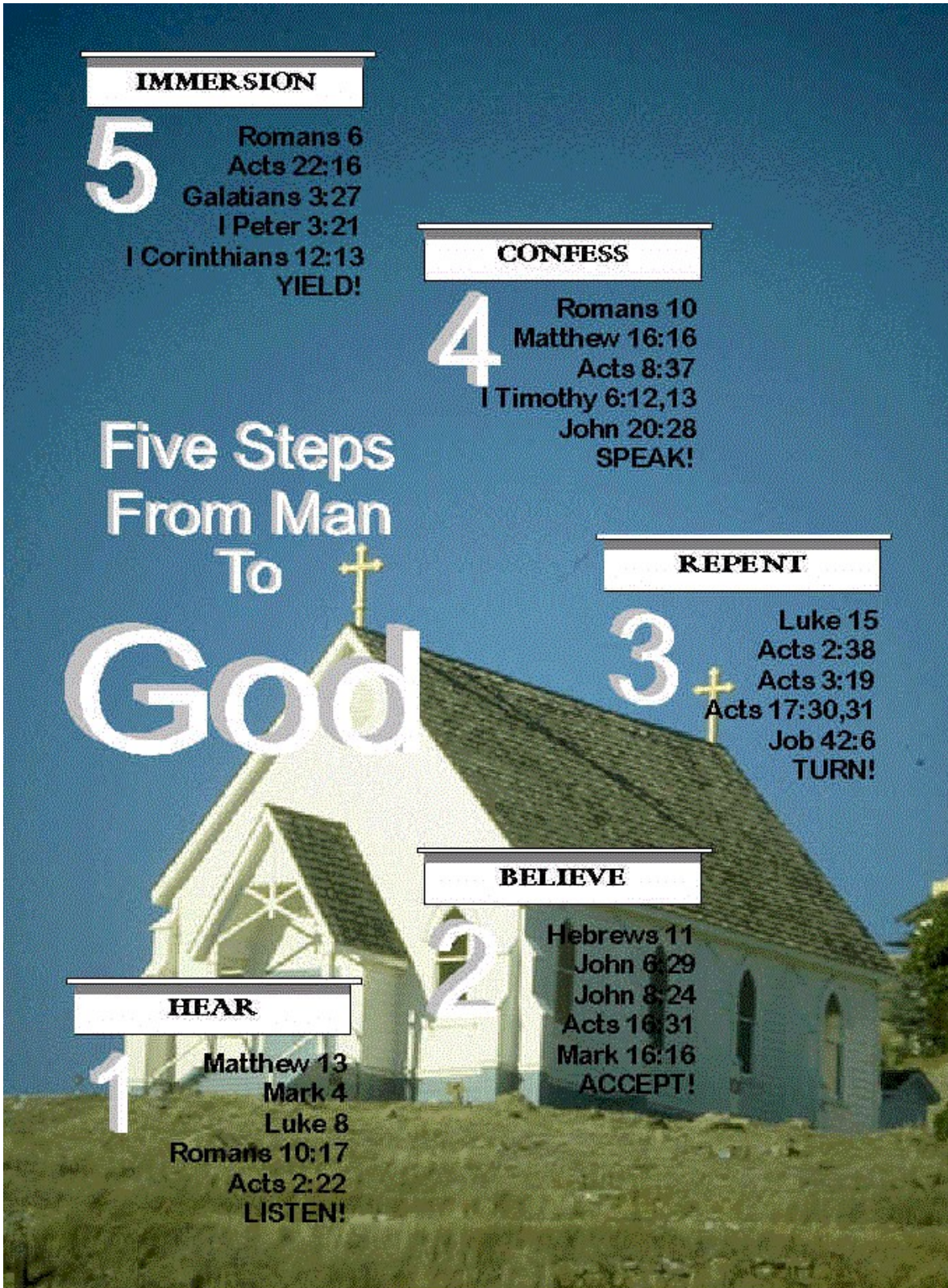
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Hebrews 11
John 6:29
John 8:24
Acts 16:31
Mark 16:16
ACCEPT!

HEAR

1

Matthew 13
Mark 4
Luke 8
Romans 10:17
Acts 2:22
LISTEN!



Questions from the Chart: 5 Steps from Man to God

1. Fill in the blanks from the chart for this lesson.

STEP COMMAND FIRST REFERENCE ACTION

1	_____	_____	_____
_____	Believe	_____	_____
_____	_____	Luke 15	_____
_____	_____	_____	Speak!
_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Read the reference in your Bible and choose an appropriate match from the right-hand column.

- _____ Romans 10:17 a. Baptism does also now save us
- _____ John 8:24 b. Be baptized and wash away your sins
- _____ Acts 16:31 c. My Lord and my God
- _____ Acts 17:30-31 d. God commands all men to repent
- _____ John 20:28 e. Believe on the Lord Jesus
- _____ Acts 22:16 f. Ye shall die in your sins
- _____ 1 Peter 3:21 g. Faith comes by hearing

Questions from the Video

3. This lesson will show us how we can return to God. God loves us and desires our salvation. Jesus taught that if we are going to please God (and be saved), it is going to be on the basis of our learning and doing His commandments. Note John 14:15: "If ye _____ me, _____ my _____." If you believe in God, and if you believe that God speaks through His word (as we learned in Lesson 2), you surely desire to know all of the things that the Bible says to you.

4. Accepting our responsibility to obey God in all things in no way minimizes the parts that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit play in our salvation. There are five steps that we are required to take as

acts of obedience in order to have our sins washed away by the blood of Christ and be added to the one church Jesus purchased with His blood (see Acts 2:38-47; 20:28). On Pentecost (in Acts 2), Peter made it clear that this obedience is essential to our salvation. Acts 2:40 says, "And with _____ words did he testify and exhort, saying, _____ from this untoward (perverse) generation."

Let us now study the five steps from man to God as they are taught and commanded in the New Testament.

Hear

5. The Parable of the Sower is one of the longest studies of "hearing" in all of the Bible. It is found in Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8. Let us note two key verses:

Mark 4:24: "And he said unto them, Take _____ ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that _____ shall more be given." The word "what" means that we are to pay attention to the CONTENT OF OUR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION. Much religious instruction is *not* pleasing to God.

Luke 8:18: "Take _____ therefore _____ ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he _____ to have." Here Jesus is teaching us about our attitude with regard to the things we hear. Hearing is therefore *MY RESPONSIBILITY*.

6. Romans 10:17: "So then _____ cometh by _____, and _____ by the _____ of God."

7. Acts 2:22: "Ye men of Israel, _____ these words..."

8. The command to "hear" is therefore a command to (a) repent; (b) "listen!"; (c) take the Lord's Supper.

Believe

9. Hebrews 11:1: "Now _____ is the _____ of things hoped for, the _____ of things not seen." The stories in Hebrews 11 are about Old Testament people who obeyed God. But they obeyed Him because they believed in Him enough to obey!

10. John 6:29: "This verse is found in the great "I Am the Bread of Life" chapter. "Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the _____ of God, that ye _____ on him whom he hath sent."

Jesus here clearly taught that faith is essential, and that faith is a WORK.

11. John 8:24: This verse is in the "I Am the Light of the World" chapter. "___ said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your _____: for if ye believe _____ that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

Here He makes faith a requirement unto salvation.

12. Acts 16:31: This is the story of Paul and Silas in Philippi, a city in northern Greece. In answer to a question from the Philippian jailer ("Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"), they answered:

"_____ on the _____, and thou shalt be _____, and thy house." They did not tell him to "believe only." They did not tell him that nothing else was required. As a matter of fact, they continued teaching him and his family, and they were immediately immersed (see verses 32-34).

13. Mark 16:16: "He that _____ and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Believing is put before salvation.

14. The command to "believe" is therefore a command to (a) "accept!"; (b) repent; (c) confess.

Repent

15. This is an uncommon word in everyday life, but it is a command from the Lord Jesus. Repentance is something that would not be necessary if we had not sinned. But the Bible is full of stories of sin and its consequences. Romans 3:23 says: "For _____ have _____, and come short of the glory of

God." In light of the reality of our sins, the Bible commands us to repent.

16. One place in the Lord's own teaching that contains three parables showing the action of and need for repentance is (a) Luke 17; (b) Luke 15; (c) Luke 1.

17. One of the things that Peter commanded the sinners in Jerusalem to do on Pentecost was to repent. Acts 2:38 says: "Then Peter said unto them, _____, and be baptized _____ of you in the _____ of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." This verse is the answer given by the Holy Spirit through Peter to a question in verse 37: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

18. Exodus 13:17 shows us that repentance involves "returning." "And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that _____ led them not through the way of the land of the _____, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people _____ when they see war, and they _____ to Egypt."

19. Acts 3:19 gives another example of people who needed to repent (change their hearts and lives about their sins). "_____ ye therefore, and be converted, that your _____ may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

20. Years later, the apostle Paul was in Athens, preaching to people who worshipped idols (much like millions of people today). They, too, were commanded to repent. Acts 17:30-31 is the text. Match the words listed in column one with the phrase in column two that follows in the passage.

_____ the times a. all men every where to repent

_____ now commandeth b. whom he hath ordained

_____ because he c. hath raised him from the dead

_____ in the which d. of this ignorance

_____ by that man e. he will judge the world

_____ in that he f. hath appointed a day

21. The last verse we will note on the subject of repentance tells us something about the heart and attitude we must have when we repent. The reference is Job 42:6: "Wherefore I _____, and repent in dust and ashes." We need to learn to view our sins the way God does and repent of all sin and TURN!

Confess Christ

22. Now we come to a step of positive acceptance—acknowledging Jesus Christ to be Lord and Savior. The New Testament has numerous examples of people stating that they believe the truth about Who Jesus really is. Match the reference with the proper statement.

___ Romans 10:9-10 a. These things are written that...

___ Matthew 16:16 b. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God

___ Acts 8:37 c. Some would not confess Him

___ John 20:30-31 d. With the mouth confession is made unto salvation

___ John 20:28 e. My Lord and my God

___ John 11:27 f. Thou art the Christ

___ John 12:42-43 g. Martha made the good confession

23. This command to CONFESS _____ is a command to SPEAK!

Be Immersed

24. Note that the verses in this section do speak of baptism (immersion). They also tell us what takes place in the mind of God and the soul of the sinner when one is immersed according to the will of Christ. Read the verses and then answer the questions specifically from the verses themselves.

Romans 6:3-4: *"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up*

from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Into *whom* were they baptized? _____

Into *what* were they baptized? _____

In what did they now walk? _____

Acts 9:18: *"And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized"* (This is the story of Saul, later called Paul).

Saul arose and was _____.

Acts 22:16: *"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."*

Who was told to be baptized? _____ (Read the early part of Acts 22, if necessary.)

What had not been washed away yet? _____

Galatians 3:27: *"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."*

Into whom were they baptized? _____

Which people had put on Christ? _____

1 Peter 3:21: *"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."*

Which of these did Peter write (put a check mark by the right answer)?

____ Baptism doth also now save us.

____ Baptism doth also not save us.

Acts 2:38: *"Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."*

What two things did Peter command them to do? _____ and be _____

How many of them were told to do these two things? _____

In Whose name were these commands given? _____

What did he say about the sins of those who would be baptized? _____

1 Corinthians 12:13: *"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."*

Into what had they been baptized? _____

Acts 18:8 (the story of how the church at Corinth began): *"And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized."*

What three things does this verse say that many of the Corinthians did?

_____, _____, and were _____

Conclusion

25. Match the "chapters to remember" with the appropriate subject.

____ Hear (Listen!) a. Romans 6

____ Believe (Accept!) b. Romans 10

____ Repent (Turn!) c. Matthew 13

____ Confess Christ (Speak!) d. Luke 13; 15

____ Be Immersed (Yield!) e. Hebrews 11

26. The Bible tells us that we are to keep God's commandments. That has always been so. Now we know what His commands are today. Jesus said:

**"If ye love Me,
keep My _____."**

Do you love Him enough to obey
Him in the things we have just learned?

What will your answer be?

See Acts 2:41