

ALL OF GRACE

*An Earnest Word with Those
Who Are Seeking Salvation
by the Lord Jesus Christ*

C. H. Spurgeon

Romans 5:20

"Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

Leader's Study Guide



Isaiah 55:1

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters"

Foreward

The earliest memories I have of the writings of Charles H. Spurgeon are as a young teenager after I subscribed to the Christian newspaper, *The Sword of the Lord*, edited by Dr. John R. Rice. I remember reading a quote by the noted German pastor and theologian, Helmut Thielicke, who said, "Sell all that you have and buy Spurgeon." I found that a compelling exhortation, and an accurate one. I am so grateful Chapel Library is making the works of Mr. Spurgeon available online.

Over the past forty years I have collected the works of Spurgeon, including the volume that is the basis of this study, *All of Grace*. Doctrinally, Mr. Spurgeon embraced that system of theology known as Calvinism. But Mr. Spurgeon was no hyper-Calvinist. He loved the doctrines of grace and sought to make them applicable and understandable to every believer, for he had a pastor's heart.

I have felt impressed by the Lord to take this work by Mr. Spurgeon and provide a study guide to accompany it. The reason for doing so is threefold. First, the content of the book is profound. The book is worthy of mediation. By studying each thought and paragraph presented, the heart can appreciate the depth of the wisdom that is contained in this work. Second, Christians are exhorted to be able to contend for the faith they have, without being contentious. One way to protect the faith is to understand thoroughly what God has done in one's own heart. Third, by studying this book the heart of the Christian will be stirred up to evangelize others. Upon finishing a close reading of this volume the heart longs to go and tell others about salvation and how it is all of grace.

To that end, each chapter in this study is divided into four parts: Review Questions and Answers, Reflection and Discussion, Personal Application Heart Work, and Scriptural Memorization. While an independent self-study can be made, it is better to study with someone. A student is encouraged to find a Mentor in order to review the material together, and in order to be accountable to someone. A Leader's Study Guide will be provided for the Mentor, and a Student's Study Guide will be provided for the interested student.

May the Lord bless all those who want to study and learn more about God's amazing grace, and how salvation, sanctification, and glorification is all of grace.

"Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see."

John Newton

Clerk, once an infidel and libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa,
was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, preserved,
restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith
he had long labored to destroy.

*A servant of slaves, a slave trader.

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CHPATER 1

TO YOU

Leader's Study Guide

Review Questions and Answers

1. Who should read this book?

Answer.

Those who mean business with God should read this book.

2. Who has put this book in the way of the reader?

Answer.

Providence, God, has put these pages in the way of the reader.

3. What does the Holy Spirit say to every person?

Answer.

The Holy Spirit says to every person, *Hebrews 3:7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:*

Reflection and Discussion

1. Mr. Spurgeon says that his spiritual labors are based upon a childlike dependence upon the power of God the Holy Ghost. Does this same dependency upon the Holy Spirit seem to prevail in modern day ministries? What is to be said about the showmanship that characterizes so many ministries?
2. Criticism followed C. H. Spurgeon throughout his ministry. Being a sensitive man, the words hurt him, and yet he persevered in the work of the Lord. How should the Christian handle criticism of spiritual labors?

Special Note.

Abraham Lincoln said, "I do the very best I can, I mean to keep going. If the end brings me out all right, then what is said against me won't matter. If I'm wrong, ten angels swearing I was right won't make a difference."

Sometimes Mr. Spurgeon was able to accept criticism with humor. One day a man met Spurgeon on the street, took off his hat and bowed, and said, "The Rev. Mr. Spurgeon--a great humbug!" Spurgeon took off his hat and replied, "Thank you for the compliment. I am glad to hear that I am a great anything!" (W. Wiersbe, *Wycliffe Handbook of Preaching & Preachers*, p. 221).

3. A sense of urgency prevails throughout this book. How can a Christian learn to labor in earnest?

2 Timothy 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Personal Application Heart Work

1. I believe in Providence.
True _____ False _____
2. I am serious about doing business with God.
True _____ False _____
3. I am sensitive to criticism.
True _____ False _____
4. I am a critical person.
True _____ False _____
5. I have heard the voice of God for salvation and I have received Christ as personal Savior.
True _____ False _____
6. I am concerned about my personal holiness and sanctification.
True _____ False _____

Scriptural Memorization

Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

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CHAPTER 2

WHAT ARE WE AT?

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Review Questions and Answers

1. What was the main point Mr. Spurgeon was making when he told the story of the woman who taught a collector was calling for the rent?

Answer.

Mr. Spurgeon wanted to say that no one should fear reading All of Grace. He is not “calling for the rent”, he is not being critical or judgmental. His message is to proclaim grace.

2. Define grace in three short ways.

Answer.

Grace can be defined as “free”, “gratis”, “for nothing”.

3. List three common demands often made upon religious hearers.

Answer.

Law, duty, and punishment are often stressed in sermons.

4. List five gospel themes of grace that will lift up the heart.

Answer.

Love, goodness, forgiveness, mercy, and eternal life will lift up the heart.

5. Who ultimately invites the sinner to a conference concerning immediate and endless happiness?

Answer.

The Lord himself invites the sinner to a conference concerning immediate and endless happiness.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Are you satisfied with Mr. Spurgeon's definition of “grace”? How can it be expanded upon?
2. Characterize the sermons you are most familiar with. Do they stress law, duty, and punishment, or love, goodness, forgiveness, mercy, and eternal life?

3. Do you know people and pastors who are dour (stern) in personality, critical in spirit, and condemning in their conversation? How do you interact with such individuals?
4. The message of Mr. Spurgeon in chapter 2 is a message of encouragement. How can the church encourage others to read gospel literature?

Personal Application Heart Work

1. I am like a “bill collector” in my gospel presentation.
True _____ False _____
2. I am known, like Barnabas, to be a son of consolation.
True _____ False _____
3. I love the doctrine of grace.
True _____ False _____
4. Because I have been shown God’s grace, I want to show much grace to others.
True _____ False _____
5. I hearken diligently to the Word of God to let the good work sink into my soul.
True _____ False _____

Scriptural Memorization

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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CHAPTER 3

GOD JUSTIFIETH THE UNGODLY

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Review Questions and Answers

1. What charge is brought against God by men who hate the doctrines of the cross?

Answer.

Men that hate the doctrines of the cross bring it as a charge against God, that He saves the wicked and receives to Himself the vilest of the vile.

2. List three actions of grace God performs for the wicked.

Answer.

- God makes those just who are unjust.
- God forgives those who deserve to be punished.
- God favors those who deserve no favor.

3. What two thoughts have fallen into the mind of the natural man?

Answer.

- The natural man thinks that if self is excellent, then God will give a reward.
- The natural man thinks that if self is not worthy, there is no way to enjoy God's favor.

4. What does God know about the state of every human?

Answer.

God knows there is none righteous. *Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*

5. What does one hymn-writer dare to say about the sinner?

Answer.

One hymn-writer has dared to say, "A sinner is a sacred thing; The Holy Ghost hath made him so."

6. Who is the best candidate to receive the forgiveness of sin?

Answer.

Forgiveness is for the guilty.

7. How is a sinner to come to Christ?

Answer.

A sinner is to come to Christ just as they are. “Do not attempt to touch yourself up and make yourself something other than you really are; but come as you are to Him who justifies the ungodly.”

8. Define the term “dishabille”.

Answer.

Dishabille means, “disorder.”

Special Note.

dis·ha·bille [dis-uh-beel, -bee] noun (French origin: 1666-75). 1. The state of being dressed in a careless, disheveled, or disorderly style or manner; undress. 2. A garment worn in undress. 3. A loose morning dress. 4. A disorderly or disorganized state of mind or way of thinking.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Why is God hated because He will justify the ungodly? What is the basis of human opposition to divine grace?
2. Is it important to persuade individuals they are a great sinner before the soul can be saved?
3. Would you agree that the sinner is a “sacred thing”?
4. Reflect and discuss this lovely song by Frederick M. Lehman, who wrote it in 1917 in Pasadena, California. Then, sing the song together with someone.

“The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;

The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints’ and angels’ song.

When years of time shall pass away,
 And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
 When men, who here refuse to pray,
 On rocks and hills and mountains call,
 God's love so sure, shall still endure,
 All measureless and strong;
 Redeeming grace to Adam's race—
 The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
 And were the skies of parchment made,
 Were every stalk on earth a quill,
 And every man a scribe by trade,
 To write the love of God above,
 Would drain the ocean dry.

Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
 Though stretched from sky to sky.”

5. Mr. Spurgeon states that when Jesus died, He made a real atonement for real sinners. Behind these words is a belief that the extent of the atonement is to redeem the elect of God. Would you agree that Christ came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10), and not merely to make men savable?

Personal Application Heart Work

1. I am among those of whom the Scriptures says, “there is none righteousness, no, not one.”
 True _____ False _____
2. I am not faithful to worshipping on Sunday.
 True _____ False _____
3. I live in disregard to God's day, and house, and Word.
 True _____ False _____
4. I shut my eyes to the clear evidence of God's power and Godhead.
 True _____ False _____
5. I entertain thoughts that there is no God.
 True _____ False _____
6. I live without a sense of God consciousness.
 True _____ False _____
7. I am a religious hypocrite. I regularly attend to all the outward forms of religion, and yet have no authentic heart in them at all.
 True _____ False _____

Scriptural Memorization

Romans 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

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CHAPTER 4

"IT IS GOD THAT JUSTIFIETH"

Romans 8:33

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Review Questions and Answers

1. What is the status of a person who tries to justify himself?

Answer.

A person who tries to justify himself is a self-deceiver.

2. Can another person justify an individual before God?

Answer.

A person can speak well of another individual, but their judgment is not worth much in the sight of God.

3. List seven charges against those who are ungodly.

Answer.

- They have lived in open rebellion.
- They have done evil with both hands.
- They have gone from bad to worse.
- They have turned back to sin even after they have been punished for it.
- They have broken the law, and trampled on the gospel.
- They have refused proclamations of mercy.
- They have persisted in ungodliness.

4. When were the elect chosen for salvation?

Answer.

The elect were chosen before the foundation of the world.

Special Note.

- *Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

- *1 Peter 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,*
5. What did the prophet Micah have to say about the great length God has taken to making an end of sin?

Answer.

Micah 7:18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

6. Because of justification by God, what six blessings does the Holy Spirit bring to the soul?

Answer.

- Because of justification, the Holy Spirit breathes peace over the believer's entire nature.
- Because of justification, the heart need no longer be afraid.
- Because of justification, the Christian can answer all the roarings and railings of Satan and ungodly men.
- Because of justification, the Christian shall be able to die.

Special Note.

John Wesley once said of the Methodist, "Our people die well."

- Because of justification, the Christian shall boldly rise again.
- Because of justification, the Christian can face the last great assize or judgment.

"Bold shall I stand in that great day,
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
While by my Lord absolved I am
From sin's tremendous curse and blame."

Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf
May 26, 1700 – May 9, 1760
German Count

Reflection and Discussion

1. There is much talk in modern society about a person being able to forgive themselves. Is such language and such a concept biblical?
2. Since David wronged Bathsheba, his own body, Uriah the Hittite, and the nation of Israel, how can he say that he had sinned "only" against God? *Psalm 51:4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.*
3. Do you believe that being justified by God should be considered a great miracle, or would that simply be poetic language? Discuss the nature of a miracle and what that means.

4. Mr. Spurgeon rightly stresses the importance of the witness the Holy Spirit and his own conscience to his personal experience of justification. However, what is to be said to the Mormon missionary who testifies to his own faith as a “burning in the bosom”?
5. Discuss the practical problems associated with a person resting on being justified by his works, if such could be the case.

Personal Application Heart Work

1. I believe I am just in the sight of God for I think very highly of myself as being a good person.
True _____ False _____
2. I believe that others who know me well would, and should, testify that I am a good person in the sight of God.
True _____ False _____
3. I live in open rebellion against God.
True _____ False _____
4. I do evil “with both hands”, which means I embrace sinful behavior willing.
True _____ False _____
5. I have gone from bad to worse in my sinful behavior.
True _____ False _____
6. I turn back to sin even after I have been punished for it.
True _____ False _____
7. I often break the Moral Law of God, and trampled on the gospel knowledge I have.
True _____ False _____
8. There is an area of weakness in me that compels me to persist in acts of ungodliness.
True _____ False _____
9. In my heart I do not have real peace with God.
True _____ False _____
10. I fear death and the judgment to come.
True _____ False _____
11. I cannot answer the roarings and railings of Satan and ungodly men for I know the accusations against me are valid.
True _____ False _____

Scriptural Memorization

Romans 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

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CHAPTER 5

"JUST AND THE JUSTIFIER"

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Review Questions and Answers

1. Why might the doctrine of the atonement be one of the surest proofs of the divine inspiration of Holy Scripture?

Answer.

The doctrine of the atonement is such that only God could have conceived of the Just Ruler dying for the unjust rebel.

2. How can God can be just to the full, not remitting penalty nor blunting the edge of the sword, and yet can be infinitely merciful, and can justify the ungodly who turn to Him?

Answer.

It was because the Son of God, supremely glorious in His matchless person, undertook to vindicate the law, by bearing the sentence due to the sinner that therefore God is able to pass by a person's sin that turns to Christ for forgiveness, mercy, and salvation.

3. Summarize the glory of the sight of Jesus hanging on a cross at Calvary.

Answer.

- The innocent punished!
- The Holy One condemned!
- The Ever-blessed made a curse!
- The infinitely glorious put to a shameful death!

4. What is meant by the words "It is finished"?

Answer.

These words mean that "God will spare the sinner because He did not spare His Son. God can pass by your transgressions because He laid those transgressions upon His only begotten Son nearly two thousand years ago. If you believe in Jesus (that is the point), then your sins were carried away by Him who was the scapegoat for His people.

5. Why can those who believe in Christ never go to hell?

Answer.

A person who believes in Christ cannot go to hell, "for that were to make the sacrifice of Christ of none effect. It cannot be that a sacrifice should be accepted, and yet the soul should die for whom that sacrifice has been received."

Reflection and Discussion

1. Must a sinner have a “clear and sharp sense of the justice of God”, and the terror of the Law, in order to be saved?
2. Mr. Spurgeon uses the word “Hottentot” in a way that many would consider to be derogatory. Is modern culture becoming too sensitive to political correctness? Christians are considered homophobic and intolerant if they do not call homosexuals, “gay”, or reject abortion on demand. How should the Christian speak of Christ and the Christian way of life in a politically correct environment?

Special Note.

Hottentot. This term refers to the Khoikhoi (“people people”, or, “real people”) living in southern Africa. After 1652, these indigenous inhabitants became known to the Europeans who considered them “heathens”, but were willing to colonize their fertile pastoral land. The name “Hottentot” was assigned to the people in imitation of the sound of the Khoikhoi language.

3. Discuss the doctrine of the atonement and the doctrine of the substitution of the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. Reflect upon, and discuss the following terms.
 - Doctrine of the Atonement. The doctrine of the atonement (at-one-ment; i.e., being “at one”, in harmony with someone) is the teaching that the blood of Jesus Christ, shed at Calvary, satisfied the demand of God and became a covering for sin, whereby the sinner can be released from his sins, and be justified in the sight of God.
 - Doctrine of the Substitutionary Death of Christ. At Calvary Jesus became a substitute for the sinner. He took the sinner’s place at Calvary. The chastisement of the sinner was laid upon Christ so that by His stripes souls are healed.
 - Vicarious Sacrifice. "vicarious. 1. a: serving instead of someone or something else . . . 2. performed or suffered by one person as a substitute for another or to the benefit or advantage of another: SUBSTITUTIONARY (a vicarious sacrifice)." (Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. Springfield, Massachusetts: Merriam-Webster, Incorporated, 1993.) Jesus became a willing sin sacrifice for others. *2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*
5. Do you know anything about the power of God’s anger?

Personal Application Heart Work

1. Will you embrace the doctrine of the atonement?
I will _____ I will not _____
2. Will you believe that Jesus died a substitutionary death for you?
I will _____ I will not _____
3. Will you acknowledge the vicarious sacrifice of Christ for sinners?
I will _____ I will not _____
4. Will you come into the lifeboat of faith, just as you are?
I will _____ I will not _____
5. Will you believe that God is able and willing to forgive sinners?
I will _____ I will not _____

Scriptural Memorization

Romans 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

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CHAPTER 6

CONCERNING DELIVERANCE FROM SINNING

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Review Questions and Answers

1. What is a legitimate concern for those who understand the method of justification by faith in Christ?

Answer.

Those who understand the method of justification by faith in Christ have a legitimate concern about abiding sin in their lives.

2. What will not be curbed or subdued in the soul?

Answer.

The old nature is very strong and cannot be curbed or tamed; it will not be subdued.

3. Identify the following state of the soul when the “wild beasts” within rage.

- Heart.
- Will.
- Passions.
- Thoughts.
- Imagination.
- Desires.

Answer.

- Heart. The heart is hard.
- Will. The will is obstinate.
- Passions. The passions are furious.
- Thoughts. The thoughts are volatile.
- Imagination. The imagination is ungovernable.
- Desires. The desires are wild.

4. Using the image of a leper and a rebel, describe salvation without justification.

Answer.

Salvation without justification would call the leper clean, and leave him to die of his disease; it would forgive the rebellion and allow the rebel to remain an enemy to his king.

5. List three ways Jesus came to take away sin.

Answer.

- Jesus came to remove the penalty of sin.
- Jesus came to remove the power of sin.
- Jesus came to remove the presence of sin.

6. What guarantee awaits the person who embraces, accepts, and appropriates the promise of Ezekiel 11:19?

Answer.

Mr. Spurgeon guarantees that the person who embraces, accepts, and appropriates the promise of Ezekiel 11:19 will have the promise fulfilled and shall have, “in after days and years, to sing of that wondrous change which the sovereign grace of God has wrought in us.”

7. How is man’s moral reformation different from God’s regenerating work of grace?

Answer.

“Man's reformation and cleaning up soon come to an end, for the dog returns to his vomit; but when God puts a new heart into us, the new heart is there forever, and never will it harden into stone again. He who made it flesh will keep it so.”

8. What responsibility does a person have in order for the Lord to alter their nature?

Answer.

A person must yield himself to God’s divine working. Then, the Lord will “alter your nature; He will subdue the old nature, and breathe new life into you.”

9. Use three images of nature to express a change of nature and illustrate sanctification.

- Lion.
- Raven.
- Serpent.

Answer.

- Lion. The lion of anger shall give place to the lamb of meekness.
- Raven. The raven of uncleanness shall fly before the dove of purity.
- Serpent. The vile serpent of deceit shall be trodden under the heel of truth.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Mr. Spurgeon discusses the problem of sin in the life of the believer with understanding and compassion. Many Christian leaders rail against sin in the life of the believer from a legalistic, self-righteous perspective. How can the church address sins in the saints without alienation, hypocrisy, or self-righteousness? Read together John 8:1-11.
2. Do you agree with the statement, "justification without sanctification would not be salvation at all?" Is it right for people who express faith in Christ, and yet persist in known sin, to consider themselves saved, but just morally weak? What should be said to such a person?
3. Mr. Spurgeon argues that the way a person stops sinning after salvation is by having a new heart, a new nature. *Ezekiel 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:* If a person does not stop sinning in a particular area, does that mean the person is not yet truly converted?
4. In the process of being sanctified Mr. Spurgeon teaches that the Christian has a threefold responsibility, concerning the promises of God in Ezekiel 11:19. The Christian must "lay hold of", "accept it as true", and "appropriate it". Would you agree that the believer has a vital part to play in the matter of personal sanctification? Would you guarantee the same results he does for Ezekiel 11:19? *"Then shall it be fulfilled in us, and we shall have, in after days and years, to sing of that wondrous change which the sovereign grace of God has wrought in us."*
5. Should a person who has made a profession of faith, but finds themselves sinning repeatedly, continue to pray for salvation, or for sanctification? What is the true state of a sinning soul?
6. Discuss the following thoughts that come to the minds of those with strong sinful patterns.
 - "I have tried to be good, but I cannot succeed."
 - "If I am going to be damned, I am going to be damned. I might as well sin."
 - "I know I am saved. I know God is merciful. Therefore, I shall continue in known sin."
 - "God knows I am weak, and I know God is loving, kind, and merciful. Therefore I can find comfort in my sin."
7. The central core of Mr. Spurgeon's teaching about the way a person is sanctified is that salvation brings a new nature, and that new nature is to love God, serve God, and cease to sin against God. Is that a valid understanding of sanctification?

"When Jesus comes, the tempter's power is broken;
 When Jesus comes, the tears are wiped away,
 He takes the gloom and fills the life with glory,
 For all is changed when Jesus comes to stay."

Oswald Smith

8. Can a person living in an unsanctified way have any hope of being in a state of grace? Should they have any hope of being converted?
9. Would this be a surprising idea to many, that they may not be truly converted based on an unsanctified life?
10. What is the balance between realizing sin in the soul as a Christian (1 John 1:8), and sin so dominating the soul of a professing believer that all hope of being saved is lost?
11. Have you ever personally known a thief to be made honest, an alcoholic made sober, a liar made honest, or a scoffer become a faithful advocate of the gospel?

Personal Application Heart Work

1. Are you concerned about residual sin in the soul after salvation?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Have you struggled with besetting sin your life, sin that will not be curbed and cannot be subdued?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you know anything about the “wild beasts” of sin raging in your heart?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Has your heart ever been hardened against gospel repentance, even as a professing Christian?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Have you been obstinate and sinned against the known will of the Lord?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Have your passions ever been so furious you felt compelled to sin?
Yes _____ No _____
7. Have your thoughts ever been so volatile you have succumbed to inappropriate behavior?
Yes _____ No _____
8. Have sinful thoughts gripped your heart to the point your imaginations became ungovernable?
Yes _____ No _____
9. Have you experienced wild desires of the body which you knew were contrary to the established boundaries of godly desires?
Yes _____ No _____

10. Do you believe that God has given you a new nature with a bent towards righteousness?
Yes _____ No _____

“Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame.
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same.

He touched me, Oh He touched me,
And oh the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior,
Since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him,
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

He touched me, Oh He touched me,
And oh the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened and now I know
He touched me and made me whole.”

Bill Gaither

Scriptural Memorization

Ezekiel 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

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CHAPTER 7

BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

Ephesians 2:8

"By grace are ye saved, through faith."

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Review Questions and Answers

1. List four results of God's grace.

Answer.

- Because of God's grace, sinful men are forgiven.
- Because of God's grace, sinful men are converted.
- Because of God's grace, sinful men are purified.
- Because of God's grace, sinful men are saved.

2. Identify and complete the following biblical quotes with their Scriptural references.

- *"By grace are ye saved."*
- *"No man cometh unto me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."*
- *"looking unto Jesus".*

Answer.

- *Ephesians 2: 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*
- *John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*
- *Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

3. Define faith, in the matter of salvation, as it relates to the divine drawing of the soul.

Answer.

Faith is coming to Christ.

4. Complete the following sentence. We are saved " _____ " but salvation is " _____ " based on Ephesians 2:8.

Answer.

We are saved "through faith," but salvation is "by grace".

5. What error is it possible for the soul to fall into when it is concerned about salvation?

Answer.

By fixing the mind so much upon the faith which is the channel of salvation, it is possible to forget the grace which is the fountain and source even of faith itself.

6. What place does faith occupy in the redemptive plan of God?

Answer.

Faith occupies the position of a channel or conduit pipe. Grace is the fountain and the stream; faith is the aqueduct along which the flood of mercy flows down to refresh the thirsty sons of men.

7. What is the fountainhead of salvation that makes even faith clean?

Answer.

The grace of God is the fountainhead of salvation and the source of all blessings.

8. Where is life to be found, and where is it not to be found?

Answer.

Our life is found in "looking unto Jesus," not in looking to our own faith.

9. What can weak faith not do?

Answer.

The weakness of faith will not destroy. A trembling hand may receive a golden gift.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Throughout his work, *All of Grace*, Mr. Spurgeon uses many illustrations from a variety of sources to establish the points he makes. Some people believe that only biblical illustrations should be used in presenting the gospel. What are your thoughts?
2. Is it really possible to over emphasize the place of faith in the life of the believer? What is to be said of those who teach people to have faith in their own faith for salvation, healing, holiness, and prosperity?
3. Comment on the remark that, "A trembling hand may receive a golden gift." What is meant? What did Jesus mean when He spoke of having faith as "a grain of mustard seed"? (Study Matthew 13:31-32; Matthew 17:20; Mark 4:31-32; Luke 13:18-19; Luke 17:6).

Personal Application Heart Work

1. By faith I have been forgiven by God for all my sins, past, present, and future.
Yes _____ No _____
2. By faith I have been converted by God.
Yes _____ No _____
3. By faith I have been purified by God.
Yes _____ No _____
4. By faith I am saved by God.
Yes _____ No _____
5. I believe in and have experienced the love of God.
Yes _____ No _____
6. I believe in and have experienced the goodness of God.
Yes _____ No _____
7. I believe in and have experienced the pity of God.
Yes _____ No _____
8. I believe in and have experienced the compassion of God.
Yes _____ No _____
9. I believe in and have experienced the mercy of God.
Yes _____ No _____
10. I believe in and have experienced the grace of God.
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

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CHAPTER 8

FAITH, WHAT IS IT?

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Review Questions and Answers

1. What are three components of faith?

Answer.

Faith is made of three components.

- Faith is made of knowledge.
- Faith is made of belief.
- Faith is made of trust.

2. How is faith acquired?

Answer.

Faith is acquired by hearing the Word of God.

- *Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

3. Why is it important to hear the Word of God?

Answer.

It is essential to hear the Word of God in order to know what to believe.

- *Psalms 9:10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.*

4. Is knowledge essential to faith?

Answer.

Knowledge is essential to faith.

- *Isaiah 55:3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.*

5. List four truths a person is to know.

Answer.

- First, know the gospel.
- Second, know especially Christ Jesus the Son of God, the Saviour of men.
- Third, know the doctrine of the sacrifice of Christ.
- Fourth, know that Jesus was “made a curse for us, as it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree”. *Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

6. List seven gospel truths the soul is to believe.

Answer.

- Believe that God is.
- Believe that God hears the cries of sincere hearts.
- Believe that the gospel is from God.
- Believe that justification by faith is the grand truth which God hath revealed in these last days by His Spirit more clearly than before.
- Believe that Jesus is verily and in truth our God and Saviour, the Redeemer of men, the Prophet, Priest, and King of His people.
- Believe that "the blood of Jesus Christ, God's dear Son, cleanseth us from all sin". *1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*
- Believe that the sacrifice of Christ is complete and fully accepted of God on man's behalf, so that he that believeth on Jesus is not condemned.

7. What is the difference between common faith and saving faith?

Answer.

The difference between common faith and saving faith lies mainly in the subjects upon which it is exercised.

8. What human parallel is offered by Mr. Spurgeon as an example of how a person is to believe?

Answer.

Believe the witness of God just as you believe the testimony of your own father or friend. "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater." *1 John 5:9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.*

9. What is to follow knowledge, belief, and trust in order to advance and complete faith?

Answer.

- A commitment to Christ is to follow knowledge, belief, and trust in order to advance and complete faith.

Commit yourself to the merciful God; rest your hope on the gracious gospel; trust your soul on the dying and living Saviour; wash away your sins in the atoning blood; accept His perfect righteousness, and all is well.

10. Describe what faith is not in three simple statements.

Answer.

- Faith is not blind.
- Faith is not speculative.
- Faith is not unpractical.

11. List twelve truths about Christ from the Scriptures.

Answer.

- Jesus Christ is God, and God is human flesh.
- Jesus Christ is perfect in His character.
- Jesus Christ was made a sin-offering on our behalf.
- Jesus Christ bore our sins in His own body on the tree.
- Jesus Christ finished the transgression.
- Jesus Christ made an end of sin.
- Jesus Christ brought in everlasting righteousness.
- Jesus Christ "rose again from the dead". (*Apostle's Creed*)
- Jesus Christ "ever liveth to make intercession for us." *Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*
- Jesus Christ has gone up into the glory.
- Jesus Christ has taken possession of Heaven on the behalf of His people.
- Jesus Christ will shortly come again "to judge the world in righteousness, and his people with equity." *Psalms 9:8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.*

12. In what three ways has the Holy Spirit given testimony of Jesus Christ so that men are compelled to believe?

Answer.

- The Spirit has borne witness to Christ by the inspired Word.
- The Spirit has borne witness to Christ by various miracles Jesus performed.
- The Spirit has borne witness to Christ by His working in the hearts of men.

13. What two grand promises has Christ made that faith must believe?

Answer.

- Christ has promised to cast out none that come to Him. *John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*
- Christ has promised to give living water to those that come to Him. *John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

14. According to promise, what four provisions can a person look for who believes in Christ?

Answer.

- The person who believes in Christ can look for pardon.
- The person who believes in Christ can look for justification.
- The person who believes in Christ can look for preservation.
- The person who believes in Christ can look for eternal glory.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Is there anything you can add to help in the understanding of faith?
2. Why is it difficult, indeed impossible, for individuals not to have faith in Christ?
3. When pressing the matter of faith, and trying to define it, Mr. Spurgeon tries to reach the heart of his reader, and not just the head. Does Mr. Spurgeon's passion and pleadings with the unbeliever characterize your heart and gospel presentation?
4. What is your understanding of common faith as distinct from saving faith?

Special Note to the Mentor.

Draw attention to Mr. Spurgeon's closing remarks. "A hungry man eats though he does not understand the composition of his food, the anatomy of his mouth, or the process of digestion: he lives because he eats. Another far more clever person understands thoroughly the science of nutrition; but if he does not eat he will die, with all his knowledge. There are, no doubt, many at this hour in Hell who understood the doctrine of faith, but did not believe."

5. Define and discuss the characteristics of non-faith.

Personal Application Heart Work

1. I believe that Christ has received me because I have come to Him for salvation, by faith.
True _____ False _____
 - *John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*

2. I believe Christ has given to me “living water”.
True _____ False _____
 - *John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

3. According to promise I believe I have pardon for sin.
True _____ False _____

4. According to promise I believe I have been justified.
True _____ False _____

5. According to promise I believe I am being preserved by God from the penalty, power, and pollution of sin.
True _____ False _____

6. According to promise, my heart looks for eternal glory.
True _____ False _____

Special Note.

Perhaps someone could not affirm all of these statements because their heart condemns them; their conscience is not clear in the sight of God. To such a person there is still a word of encouragement. There is time to repent. There is time to be different. There is time to embrace the promises of God. There is time to call upon the name of the Lord. There is time to plead the blood. There is time to ask for, not only salvation, but sanctification. That time is now. Now is the day of salvation.

Psalm 95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. 7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. 10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: 11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Scriptural Memorization

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

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CHAPTER 9

HOW MAY FAITH BE ILLUSTRATED?

Leader's Study Guide

Review Questions and Answers

1. Illustrate faith through use of four parts of the human frame, or body.

Answer.

- Faith is the eye which looks.
 - Faith is the hand which grasps.
 - Faith is the mouth which feeds upon Christ.
 - Faith is the heart which hungers and thirsts after Christ.
2. Provide three examples of faith from the pursuits of life.

Answer.

- The farmer buries good seed in the earth, and expects it not only to live but to be multiplied.
 - The merchant places his money in the care of a banker, and trusts altogether to the honesty and soundness of the bank.
 - The sailor trusts himself to the sea.
3. What two factors will determine the various degrees of faith in different persons?

Answer.

- The amount of spiritual knowledge will determine the level of faith in a person.
 - The amount of growth in spiritual grace will determine the level of faith in a person.
4. How does a blind person illustrate faith?

Answer.

The person born blind does not know what sight is; but he knows that there is such a thing as sight, and that it is possessed by his friend and therefore he freely puts his hand into the hand of the seeing one, and follows his leadership. "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

5. In what way does a school child illustrate faith?

Answer.

In school, a child is taught various subjects such as geography, the form of the earth, and the existence of certain great cities and empires. The child does not know that these things are true, except that the teacher is believed.

6. Why is love a good illustration of faith?

Answer.

A child will trust a parent because of love. In like manner Christ is trusted because of His loving kindness.

“In loving-kindness Jesus came
My soul in mercy to reclaim,
And from the depths of sin and shame
Through grace He lifted me.

From sinking sand He lifted me,
With tender hand He lifted me,
From shades of night to plains of light,
Oh, praise His name, He lifted me!

He called me long before I heard,
Before my sinful heart was stirred,
But when I took Him at His word,
Forgiv’n, He lifted me.

His brow was pierced with many a thorn,
His hands by cruel nails were torn,
When from my guilt and grief, forlorn,
In love He lifted me.

Now on a higher plane I dwell,
And with my soul I know ’tis well;
Yet how or why, I cannot tell,
He should have lifted me.”

7. How is the way of loving trust in the Saviour illustrated in the life of a woman who is very sick, but whose husband is a reputable doctor?

Answer.

A woman who becomes ill is not troubled by her illness for she knows that her husband, who is a physician, loves her and will protect, and watch over her.

8. What grows out of faith?

Answer.

Faith is the root of obedience.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Can you think of other illustrations of faith different from, or similar to the ones provided?

Special Note.

“Years ago, a pastor faithfully served the church. His executive responsibilities took him all over this country. He tells of one of the most frightening yet thought-provoking experiences of his life.

He had been on a long flight from one place to another. The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the airplane flashed on: Fasten your seat belts. Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting a little turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened."

As he looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive. Later, the voice of the announcer said, "We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us."

And then the storm broke. The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash.

The pastor confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him. He said, "As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. Some were praying. The future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm.

Then, I suddenly saw a little girl. Apparently the storm meant nothing to her! She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and everything within her small world was calm and orderly. Sometimes she closed her eyes, then she would read again; then she would straighten her legs, but worry and fear were not in her world. When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm, when it lurched this way and that, as it rose and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults were scared half to death, that marvelous child was completely composed and unafraid. The minister could hardly believe his eyes.

It was not surprising therefore, that when the plane finally reached its destination and all the passengers were hurrying to disembark, our pastor lingered to speak to the girl whom he had watched for such a long time. Having commented about the storm and behavior of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid.

The child replied, ‘Cause my Daddy's the pilot, and he's taking me home.’

There are many kinds of storms that buffet us. Physical, mental, financial, domestic, and many other storms can easily and quickly darken our skies and throw our plane spinning out of control. We have all known such times, and let us be honest and confess, it is much easier to be at rest when our feet are on the ground than when we are being tossed about a darkened sky. Just remember: Our Father is the Pilot. He is in control and taking us home!" (Source Unknown)

2. Would you agree that obedience grows out of faith? Comment on the following two thoughts.
 - "Faith puts on coveralls and goes to work."
 - "Belief will dictate behavior."
3. Which of the several illustrations given by Mr. Spurgeon especially spoke to your heart?

Personal Application Heart Work

1. With spiritual eyes, I have looked to Jesus Christ and have trusted Him as my personal Savior.
True _____ False _____
2. By faith my hand has grasped, or taken hold of Christ. I can say, "Jesus is mine."
True _____ False _____
3. My heart hungers and thirsts after Christ. I love to feed on Him. His word is near me, even in my mouth.
True _____ False _____
4. Like a farmer, I patiently wait on the Lord.
True _____ False _____
5. Like a merchant I have entrusted all my spiritual capital in Christ.
True _____ False _____
6. My personal faith is great.
True _____ False _____
7. My faith in Christ causes me to follow Him in gospel obedience.
True _____ False _____

Scriptural Memorization

1 John 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

“Encamped along the hills of light,
 Ye Christian soldiers, rise.
 And press the battle ere the night
 Shall veil the glowing skies.

Against the foe in vales below
 Let all our strength be hurled.
 Faith is the victory, we know,
 That overcomes the world.

Faith is the victory! Faith is the victory!
 O glorious victory, that overcomes the world.

His banner over us is love,
 Our sword the Word of God.
 We tread the road the saints above
 With shouts of triumph trod.

By faith, they like a whirlwind's breath,
 Swept on o'er every field.
 The faith by which they conquered death
 Is still our shining shield.

On every hand the foe we find
 Drawn up in dread array.
 Let tents of ease be left behind,
 And onward to the fray.

Salvation's helmet on each head,
 With truth all girt about,
 The earth shall tremble 'neath our tread,
 And echo with our shout.

To him that overcomes the foe,
 White raiment shall be giv'n.
 Before the angels he shall know
 His name confessed in Heav'n.

Then onward from the hill of light,
 Our hearts with love aflame,
 We'll vanquish all the hosts of night,
 In Jesus' conqu'ring Name.

John H. Yates, 1891

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CHAPTER 10

WHY ARE WE SAVED BY FAITH?

Leader's Study Guide

Review Questions and Answers

1. Why has God chosen faith to be the channel of salvation?

Answer.

Faith has been selected as the channel of grace, because there is a natural adaptation in faith to be used as the receiver.

2. What two parts of faith make it an appropriate way to be saved?

Answer.

- Belief makes faith an appropriate way to be saved for it leaves out human merit.
- Receiving God's gift of eternal life through faith is an appropriate way to be saved for it does not create salvation, nor help in it.

"Faith is the tongue that begs pardon, the hand which receives it, and the eye which sees it; but it is not the price which buys it."

3. Provide a second reason why faith is selected to be the means of salvation.

Answer.

Another reason why faith is selected to be the means of salvation is because it gives all the glory to God.

4. Why was the Lord free to say, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace"?

Answer.

Because faith first set the crown upon the right head, the head of King Jesus, the Lord Jesus was willing to put, in grace, the crown upon the head of faith and say, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace".

5. What is yet a third reason why God selects faith as the channel of salvation?

Answer.

God has selected faith as a channel of salvation because it is a sure method, it works, in that it makes a man cling to God.

“My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
 All other ground is sinking sand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.

When Darkness veils his lovely face,
 I rest on his unchanging grace.
 In every high and stormy gale,
 My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood
 Supports me in the whelming flood.
 When all around my soul gives way,
 He then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
 O may I then in him be found!
 Dressed in his righteousness alone,
 Faultless to stand before the throne!”

Edward Mote, 1797-1874

6. State a fourth reason why faith is chosen to be the channel of salvation.

Answer.

Faith is chosen to be the channel of salvation because it “touches the springs of action.” Faith is at the root of all that is said and done.

7. What six behaviors naturally flow from and follow after saving faith?

Answer.

When a person believes in Christ, the heart is saved from sin, and is moved toward repentance, holiness, zeal, prayer, consecration, and every other gracious thing.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Is faith natural to man? What is the evidence?
2. Is saving faith natural to man, or must God create saving faith in us?
3. Why would salvation be impossible if the channel was hope, or love, or patience?
4. Can you affirm, in the matter of salvation, that God does all things well (Mark 7:37)?
5. What is to be said to the person who rejects the idea of salvation by grace through faith alone?

Special Note.

R. C. Sproul writes, “The relationship of faith and good works is one that may be distinguished, but never separated...if good works do not follow from our profession of faith, it is a clear indication that we do not possess justifying faith. The Reformed formula is, “We are justified by faith alone, but not by a faith that is alone” (*Essentials of the Christian Faith*).

6. Is it possible to over-emphasize faith in the life of the believer?

Personal Application Heart Work

1. Do you believe God created faith in your heart so that you could believe in Christ?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Have you received, by faith, the gift of God, which is eternal life through Jesus Christ?
Yes _____ No _____
3. By faith have you begged God’s pardon from sin?
Yes _____ No _____
4. By faith, have you looked to Christ’s redemptive work at Calvary, and believed He died for you?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Do you, by faith, give all glory to God for your salvation?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Do you believe that you are saved by faith alone, and apart from your own good works?
Yes _____ No _____

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CHAPTER 11

ALAS! I CAN DO NOTHING!

Leader's Study Guide

Review Questions and Answers

1. Is the want of strength to believe provided for in the plan of salvation? If so, in what way?

Answer.

The want of strength, the inability of the soul to perform that which it desires, has been provided for in the plan of salvation. The divine provision is for the soul to fix his mind upon, and believe, that "Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6).

2. Whom does God justifies?

Answer.

God justifies the ungodly.

- *Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*
- *Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

3. How does God justify the ungodly?

Answer.

God justifies the ungodly through faith in the precious blood of Jesus.

4. What is the "awakened" sinner concerned about?

Answer.

The "awakened" person is troubled about sin and about their moral weakness.

5. How are the awakened ungodly, the helpless, succored or comforted?

Answer.

The awakened ungodly, the helpless are succored, they are comforted, by the interposition of the Lord Jesus who died for sinners.

- *Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*

6. When does the inability of the sinner disappear?

Answer.

Believe that Christ died for the ungodly, and all inability will disappear.

7. What motivated Christ to die for the ungodly?

Answer.

Jesus came to earth solely and only out of reasons which He fetched from the depths of His own divine love.

8. If accepted, what doctrine is able to save the soul?

Answer.

If accepted, the doctrine of the cross is able to save the soul.

9. What is the attitude of the man who truly repents?

Answer.

The person who truly repents is never satisfied with their own repentance.

10. What does it mean to repent? What is the main point in repentance?

Answer.

To repent is to change one's mind about sin, and Christ, and all the great things of God. The main point is the turning of the heart from sin to Christ.

11. What is the proper order in gospel the matter of repentance and Christ?

Answer.

Repentance will not make you see Christ; but to see Christ will give you repentance.

12. What does the Holy Spirit turn the heart from, by turning it to Christ?

Answer.

The Holy Ghost, by turning the heart to Christ, turns it from sin.

13. What confusion is possible regarding repentance from which the awakened sinner must look?

Answer

The awakened sinner must look away from the effect of salvation and look to the cause of salvation, Jesus Christ.

14. What is the measure of saving faith which is to be considered?

Answer.

It is not the measure of faith, but the sincerity of faith, which is the point to be considered.

15. Who cannot be married to Christ? What must happen?

Answer.

The person who does not quit their sin cannot be married to Christ. Sin must be divorced.

16. What is the basis for receiving a conquering principle by which the sinful self is overcome?

Answer.

The belief that Christ died for sinners, and the casting of one's guilty soul on Jesus, is the basis for receiving the conquering principle to overcome the sinful self.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Mr. Spurgeon says boldly that if the unbeliever will fix his thoughts, and believe, that Christ died for the ungodly, "all inability will disappear". Is that true?
2. If a person is not troubled about their moral weakness, can they be wholly converted?
 - *1 Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.*
3. What is to be said about the emotional state of the person who confesses Christ as Lord and Saviour, but never truly repents about their lack of repentance, or sorrow over sin?
4. At one point, Mr. Spurgeon seems to say that there is a true turning to Christ, which is the essence of true repentance, even though no alarm and no despair should ever have cast their shadow upon the mind.

But then Mr. Spurgeon goes on to say that the cross is that wonder-working rod which can bring water out of a rock.

- *Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

The harmony between these two thoughts is found in the larger point, "You may not make a Christ out of your repentance, but you must look for repentance to Christ."

Is there not a word of wisdom here to those gospel preachers that insist repentance be accompanied by tears, brokenness, and outward? Is it possible to "make a Christ" out of repentance? Is it possible for ministers to emphasize the effect over the cause of repentance?

5. What should be said to the gospel hardened sinner who says with unholy boldness, "I do not want to believe in Christ? I know I am going to sin, and I want to sin. I have known the gospel from my youth, and have even made a profession of faith. But, I am wedded to my sin and do not want to cease." Is there any hope for such a person? Is there anything that can be said to melt such a stubborn heart?
6. Satanic suggestions are very real, and lead to thoughts of blasphemy. Question: "Can Satan read the minds of those in whom he has placed thoughts?"

Personal Application Heart Work

1. I find myself sinning. "To will is present with me, but how to perform that which I would I find not."
True _____ False _____
2. I am troubled by my moral weakness.
True _____ False _____
3. I cannot repent sufficiently.
True _____ False _____
4. I am tormented with horrible thoughts, sinful thoughts.
True _____ False _____
5. My weakness lies in this, that I cannot focus on gospel truths for very long. I cannot read the Bible for long, and my mind wanders when I pray.
True _____ False _____
6. I can live and enjoy my sin even though I know that Jesus has died to save me from it.
True _____ False _____

Scriptural Memorization

Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

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CHAPTER 12

THE INCREASE OF FAITH

Leader's Study Guide

Review Questions and Answers

1. What is the shortest or quickest way to believe?

Answer.

The shortest way to believe is to believe.

2. Why should a person believe the gospel?

Answer.

A person should immediately believe the gospel because it is true.

3. If a person has difficulty believing, what should be done?

Answer.

If a person has difficulty believing, they should take the matter to God in prayer. The Father can be told exactly what it is that puzzles the heart, and beg Him by His Holy Spirit, to solve the question of concern.

Special Note. A Word of Exhortation

As John taught his disciples to pray, as Jesus taught His disciples to pray, let the Mentor teach student's to pray, as Mr. Spurgeon does here. In the matter of faith, let the inquiring heart pray, "O Holy Spirit, lead me into the truth! What I know not, teach Thou me." A parent will put food into the mouths of their babies, a bird will gather food, and place it into the mouths of the young, so let the mature Mentor gather words and put them into the mouths of searching souls.

4. List eight practical ways of increasing faith.

Answer.

- One way to increase faith is to simply believe what is heard.
- A second way to increase faith is pray and ask God the Holy to lead the heart into truth.
- A third way to increase faith by way of repetitious hearing of the gospel. *Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
- A fourth way to increase faith is to consider the testimony of others.
- A fifth way to increase faith is to consider the authority of God.
- A sixth way to increase faith is to meditate on the sufferings of Jesus Christ in the place of sinners.

- A seventh way to increase faith is to think upon the person of Jesus Christ, who He is, what He did, where He is, and what He is.
- An eighth way to increase faith is to submit to the will of God.

5. What creates unbelief in the soul?

Answer.

Proud self creates unbelief in the soul.

Reflection and Discussion

1. What evidence is there that the Lord is willing to make Himself known?
2. Is there any harm, when leading a person to Christ, to encourage that individual to pray “The Sinners Prayer?”

- Example. Billy Graham. “Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen.”
- Example. John Bunyan. An early version of the Sinners' Prayer is found in Pilgrim's Progress.

“Hopeful: He bid me go to him and see. Then I said it was presumption. He said, No; for I was invited to come. [Mt 11:28] Then he gave me a book of Jesus' inditing [to compose, to write], to encourage me the more freely to come; and he said concerning that book, that every jot and tittle thereof stood firmer than heaven and earth.[Mt 24:35] Then I asked him what I must do when I came; and he told me I must entreat upon my knees, [Ps 95:6] [Dan 6:10] with all my heart and soul, [Jer 29:12,13] the Father to reveal him to me. Then I asked him further, how I must make my supplications to him; and he said, Go, and thou shalt find him upon a mercy-seat, where he sits all the year long to give pardon and forgiveness to them that come. [9] I told him, that I knew not what to say when I came; and he bid say to this effect:

‘God be merciful to me a sinner, and make me to know and believe in Jesus Christ; for I see, that if his righteousness had not been, or I have not faith in that righteousness, I am utterly cast away. Lord, I have heard that thou art a merciful God, and hast ordained that thy Son Jesus Christ should be the Savior of the world; and moreover, that thou art willing to bestow him upon such a poor sinner as I am—and I am a sinner indeed. Lord, take therefore this opportunity, and magnify thy grace in the salvation of my soul, through thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.’” (Published in 1678, *Ninth Stage*, Chapter 18).

3. Mr. Spurgeon provides eight practical ways to increase faith. Can you add to this list any other ways to increase faith?

Personal Application Heart Work

1. My faith is increased every time I hear the gospel message.
True _____ False _____
2. My faith is increased because I pray and ask God the Holy to lead my heart into more truth.
True _____ False _____
3. My faith is increased because I enjoy hearing time and again the gospel.
True _____ False _____

“Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word.
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.

Tell how the angels in chorus,
Sang as they welcomed His birth.
“Glory to God in the highest!
Peace and good tidings to earth.”

Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word.
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.

Fasting alone in the desert,
Tell of the days that are past.
How for our sins He was tempted,
Yet was triumphant at last.

Tell of the years of His labor,
Tell of the sorrow He bore.
He was despised and afflicted,
Homeless, rejected and poor.

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,
Writhing in anguish and pain.
Tell of the grave where they laid Him,
Tell how He liveth again.

Love in that story so tender,
Clearer than ever I see.
Stay, let me weep while you whisper,
Love paid the ransom for me.”

Fanny Crosby, 1880

4. My faith is increased when I listen to and consider the testimony of others.
True _____ False _____
5. My faith is increased because I consider the authority of God.
True _____ False _____
6. My faith is increased because I meditate on the sufferings of Jesus Christ in the place of sinners.
True _____ False _____
7. My faith is increased, and my heart is warmed, when I think upon the person of Jesus Christ, who He is, what He did, where He is, and what He is.
True _____ False _____
8. My faith is increased because I submit to the will of God.
True _____ False _____

Scriptural Memorization

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

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CHAPTER 13

REGENERATION AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader's Study Guide

Review Questions and Answer

1. Reconcile the following texts.

- *John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*
- *John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*

Answer.

John 3:3 teaches the necessity to salvation to be something which only God can give, while John 3:14 teaches that the Lord will save those who believe in Jesus,

2. What will the Lord not do for the sinner and what can the sinner not do for the Lord?

Answer.

The Lord will not believe for the sinner, and the sinner cannot do regenerating work for Him.

3. What two words describe the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation?

Answer.

The work of the Holy Spirit in producing the new birth is secret and mysterious.

4. How does God work normally?

Answer.

God works through providence.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Concerning the unbeliever's understanding of salvation, Mr. Spurgeon says, "It is idle to pretend that there is any real difficulty in the matter." Would you agree? Does the unbeliever have any valid objection for not coming Christ?
2. Does the sinner commit "spiritual suicide" for not coming to Christ in order to be saved?

3. Do you find the logic, and heart felt passion, and compassion, of Mr. Spurgeon is compelling? Is his presentation not a good role model for soul winners?

Personal Application Heart Work

1. I do not have any false comfort in my salvation.
True _____ False _____
2. I believe that I am responsible for believing the gospel.
True _____ False _____
3. I believe that the Lord has regenerated my heart.
True _____ False _____
4. I have trusted in Jesus, but not in my own power.
True _____ False _____
5. I am obedient to the gospel and to the known will of the Lord.
True _____ False _____
6. By God's grace, I will not commit spiritual suicide.
True _____ False _____

Scriptural Memorization

- *John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

Supplemental Material

Study together, and develop, the doctrine of the providence of God. Provide specific examples. Consider the following points.

Doctrine of Providence

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1. The word providence refers to the foresight, care, and control of God of His universe.
2. Through His providence God controls the universe.
 - *Psalms 103:19 The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.*
3. Through His providence God controls the physical world
 - *Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*
4. Through His providence God controls the affairs of nations
 - *Psalms 66:7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.*
5. Through His providence God controls man's birth and destiny

Galatians 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,
6. Through His providence God controls man's successes and failures
 - *Luke 1:52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.*
7. Through His providence God provides protection for His people
 - *Psalms 4:8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.*
8. God preserves all things through His providence.

- *1 Samuel 2:9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.*
 - *Acts 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*
9. Without God's continual care and activity the world would not exist. God also preserves His people through His providence.
- *Genesis 28:15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.*
 - *Luke 21:18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.*
 - *1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*
 - *1 Peter 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.*
10. Divine government is the continued activity of God by which He directs all things to the ends He has chosen in His eternal plan.
11. God is King of the universe who has given Christ all power and authority to reign.
- *Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*
 - *Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.*
 - *Ephesians 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.*
12. He governs insignificant things, apparent accidents, as well as man's good and evil deeds.

- Insignificant events. *Matthew 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.*
 - Accidents (Incidents). *Proverbs 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord.*
 - Man's good. *Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*
 - Evil deeds. *Acts 14:16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.*
13. God acts in accordance with the laws and principles that He has established in the world.
14. The laws of nature are nothing more than man's description of how we perceive God at work in the world. They neither have inherent power nor do they work by themselves.
15. Man is not free to choose and act independently from God's will and plan; he chooses and acts in accordance with them.
16. In His sovereignty, God controls man's choices and actions.
- *Genesis 45:5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.*
 - *Deuteronomy 8:18 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.*
 - *Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.*
17. God's actions, however, do not violate the reality of human choice or negate man's responsibility as a moral being.
18. God permits sinful acts to occur, but He does not cause man to sin.
- *Genesis 45:5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.*
 - *Romans 9:22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:*
19. God often overrules evil for good.

- *Genesis 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.*
- *Acts 3:13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.*

ALL OF GRACE**CHAPTER 14****"MY REDEEMER LIVETH"****Leader's Study Guide*****Review Questions and Answers***

1. What is important, and unique about Jesus Christ?

Answer.

Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and lives eternally.

2. Why is Jesus able to save those who come unto God by Him?

Answer.

As the risen Savior, Jesus is interceding for sinners at the right hand of the Father.

3. What is the eminent state of the living Jesus?

Answer.

The state of the resurrected Christ is one of eminence of glory and power.

4. Where has the Father put all men and why is this significant?

Answer.

The Father has put all men under the mediatorial government of the Son, so that He can quicken, or make alive, whom He will.

5. What should be one result that surrounds the ascended Lord?

Answer.

The glory which surrounds the ascended Lord should breathe hope into every believer's breast.

6. If sin has the power to ruin a soul, what does Jesus offer?

Answer.

Though sin has the power to ruin, Jesus has power to save.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Discuss the role of Christ as Prophet, Priest, and King and how each of His offices relate to salvation.
2. Develop and discuss the concept of the mediatorial government of the Son. Not all people believe that Jesus Christ is now King of kings, and Lord of lords. Some Dispensational teachers insist that Jesus is a Prophet, He is a Priest, but He will only be King when He returns to rule over a Millennium Kingdom. Can such a doctrinal position be correct? Is Mr. Spurgeon wrong to link government with Christ as a Redeemer and Mediator?
3. Contemplate the high glories of the Prince and Saviour. What thoughts come to your mind? What petitions can only a Prince grant?

Personal Application Heart Work

1. I believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Yes _____ No _____
2. I believe the Lord hears my prayers and answers them.
Yes _____ No _____
3. I believe that Christ has been raised to an eminence of glory and power.
Yes _____ No _____
4. I believe the Father has given to Christ all power in heaven and in earth.
Yes _____ No _____
5. I believe the Lord has granted to me repentance and eternal life.
Yes _____ No _____
6. I believe Jesus has the power to save, and that He has saved me.
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Job 19:25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

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CHAPTER 15

REPENTANCE MUST GO WITH FORGIVENESS

Leader's Study Guide

Review Questions and Answers

1. What two spiritual blessings are declared in Acts 5:31?

Answer.

In Acts 5:31 the apostle Peter declares that Jesus has been exalted to give repentance and forgiveness of sins.

2. Can pardon of sin be given to an impenitent sinner or someone without sorrow? Why?

Answer.

Pardon of sin cannot be given to an impenitent sinner, for this would be to confirm him in his evil ways, and to teach that person to think little of evil.

3. When evil, injurious behavior to self and others, is allowed to go unchallenged, what happens to society and to morality?

Answer.

When evil is allowed to go unchallenged, the foundations of society are removed, and moral anarchy follows.

4. When is a person not forgiven by God?

Answer.

If a person does not repent but continues in sin, they will not be forgiven, but they will reap the consequences of their obstinacy.

5. What promise is given to the person that will forsake sin, confess sin, and will, by faith, accept the grace which is provided in Christ Jesus?

Answer.

The promise for those who will forsake, confess, and receive Christ as Savior is found in 1 John 1:9.

- *1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

6. Define and describe “superficial mercy”.

Answer.

- Defined. Superficial mercy is that mercy which could forgive the sin and yet let the sinner live in it.
- Described. Superficial mercy is unequal and deformed mercy, lame upon one of its feet, and withered as to one of its hands.

7. Complete the following two thoughts.

- He who forgives our iniquities also _____.
- He who washes us from the stains of the past also _____

Answer.

- He who forgives our iniquities also heals our diseases.
- He who washes us from the stains of the past also uplifts us from the foul ways of the present, and keeps us from failing in the future.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Is repentance, salvation, and sanctification wholly passive, or does a person have responsibility in these areas? What is the human responsibility in the matter of salvation, and what is human responsibility in the matter of sanctification. (Discuss John 15:5-8; 15:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Leviticus 20:7; 1 Peter 3:15).
2. If Jesus gives repentance and forgiveness of sins, the question arises as to when? There is a time factor involved. When can a person receive the gift of repentance? When can a person find forgiveness of sins? When can a person be sanctified by the Holy Ghost?
3. Mr. Spurgeon gives a very serious warning to those who persist in sin and will not repent, nor forsake sin. Is he being too harsh? Individuals are weak. Is there no hope for those who struggle with besetting sins? (Read together and discuss the man of Romans 7).
4. Should the following question be asked of those who will not turn from sin to the Savior and to sanctification?

Question: But if we could be forgiven, and then could be permitted to love sin, to riot in iniquity, and to wallow in lust, what would be the use of such a forgiveness?

5. Why is holiness of life so difficult for the Christian if by way of the new birth a new nature has been given with a bent towards righteousness?

6. If a person's heart is not more afraid of sin than the penalty of sin, is that person really converted?
7. Discuss the signs of true repentance.

Personal Application Heart Work

1. I have received the gift of repentance.
Yes _____ No _____
2. I have received the gift of forgiveness of sins.
Yes _____ No _____
3. I do not want to love sin.
Yes _____ No _____
4. I do not want to pursue sin.
Yes _____ No _____
5. I know I continually repent of sin.
Yes _____ No _____

Special Note.

Repentance is not a thing of days and weeks, a temporary penance to be over as fast as possible! No; it is the grace of a lifetime, like faith itself. God's little children repent, and so do the young men and the fathers.

6. The Spirit of God has enlightened my eyes to spiritual matters.
Yes _____ No _____
7. The Holy Spirit has made sin loathsome to my heart.
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization.

Acts 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

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CHAPTER 16

HOW REPENTANCE IS GIVEN

Leader's Study Guide

Review Questions and Answers

1. How does the Holy Spirit create repentance in the heart?

Answer.

The Holy Ghost creates repentance in us by supernaturally renewing our nature, and taking away the heart of stone out of our flesh.

2. What is the origin of repentance?

Answer.

Repentance comes from free and sovereign grace.

3. What are three means that providence will use to turn a person to the Lord?

Answer.

Poverty, sickness, and sadness are three means God uses to turn the heart to the Lord.

4. List four ways the Lord works "at this hour".

Answer.

- The Lord whispers in the conscience.
- The Lord speaks through His inspired Book.
- The Lord uses praying friends to speak to us.
- The Lord uses the earnest hearts of others to send us a message.

5. What is a speedy way of gaining repentance?

Answer.

Contemplation of the death of Christ is one of the surest and speediest methods of gaining repentance.

6. Specifically, what should the sincere Christian who wants to repent and be holy meditate upon?

Answer.

The sincere Christian who wants to know the sorrow, and the joy, of gospel repentance, should meditate upon Christ. Specifically, they should meditate upon the Lord's blood, spilled out of love. They should consider the Lord's agony, the cross, and His passion.

Reflection and Discussion

1. If the Holy Spirit is the One who produces repentance in the heart, can a person do anything to effect repentance? If so, what?

Special Note to Mentor.

Suggest some ways to effect repentance: mediation, conversation, testimonials, the reading of gospel sermons, the singing together of songs, and prayer.

Lead your student to pray for repentance by saying, "'Lord, cleanse my heart. Lord, renew it. Lord, work repentance in it."

2. Is there any divine assurance that can be offered that if a person sincerely seeks gospel repentance, to be broken over sin, that the Lord will do for such a heart what He did for Peter, so that the soul will go out and weep bitterly? Is there any value in seeking such a religious experience?

Personal Application Heart Work

1. On occasion, God has spoken to me by whispers in my conscience.
True _____ False _____
2. On occasion, God has spoken to me by His inspired Book.
True _____ False _____
3. On occasion, God has spoken to me through praying friends.
True _____ False _____
4. On occasion, God has smitten my rocky heart as with the rod of Moses.
True _____ False _____
5. On occasion, God has caused tears of repentance to flow.
True _____ False _____
6. On occasion, God has mysteriously softened my heart.
True _____ False _____

Scriptural Memorization

Psalms 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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CHAPTER 17

THE FEAR OF FINAL FALLING

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Review Questions and Answers

Review Questions and Answers

1. What objection to coming to Christ is addressed in this chapter?

Answer.

Some honest and thoughtful unbelievers acknowledge that if they came to Christ, there is a high probability they will not persevere to the end.

3. Define a temporary faith.

Answer.

A temporary faith is a faith that does not go far enough to save.

4. List four urgent needs of the believing soul.

Answer.

- The urgent need of the believing soul is confirmation in the faith.
- The urgent need of the believing soul is continuance in the sphere of saving faith.
- The urgent need of the believing soul is continuance in the Christian life.
- The urgent need of the believing soul is to finally persevere and be faithful unto death.

5. List three concerns that face the Christian on the journey in grace.

Answer.

- There is concern that ten, twenty, thirty, forty, perhaps fifty years of continuous watchfulness will be too much.
- There is concern that the heart will grow weary in well doing.
- There is concern that the believer must travel through the howling wilderness of the world.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Discuss the acrostic of the gospel flower TULIP, and the significance of the fifth point in the doctrines of grace.

Five Doctrines of Divine Grace

TULIP

T – Total Depravity	Man’s inability to save himself.
U – Unconditional Election	No human condition is placed upon the elect.
L – Limited Atonement	A definite redemption of the elect.
I – Irresistible Grace	The certainty of the elect coming to Christ.
P – Perseverance of the Saints	The preservation of the believer by God.

2. Provide some Biblical examples of individuals who had a temporary faith. Consider the lives of Cain, Esau, Judas Iscariot, Alexander the copper smith etc.
3. Would you agree that as one hole can sink a ship, one unfortified sin can condemn the soul? Would you agree that if Jesus is a person’s hope for everything except one thing, the soul shall be lost? Would you agree that if Christ is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all?

Personal Application

1. I believe in the total inability of a person to save himself.
Yes _____ No _____
2. I believe in God’s unconditional, electing love.
Yes _____ No _____
3. I believe that Christ died to save His people from their sins.
Yes _____ No _____
4. I believe that the sheep of Christ know His voice and follow Him.
Yes _____ No _____
5. I believe that the true believe will persevere in the sphere of saving faith because they are persevered by the power of God.
Yes _____ No _____
6. It is the desire of my heart to be confirmed in righteousness.
Yes _____ No _____
7. It is the desire of my heart to continue in the sphere of saving faith.
Yes _____ No _____

8. It is the desire of my heart to continue living a Christian life.
Yes _____ No _____
9. It is the desire of my heart to persevere in Christ and be faithful unto death.
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

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CONFIRMATION
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Review Questions and Answers

1. What two actions confirm our beliefs and resolutions?

Answer.

Experience and practice confirm our beliefs and resolutions.

2. Is confirmation of one's salvation something natural or supernatural?

Answer.

Confirmation of salvation is a distinct work of the Holy Spirit.

3. List seven ways a confirmed Christian is of value to the church.

Answer.

- A confirmed Christian can be a comfort to those in sorrow.
- A confirmed Christian is a help to those who are weak in the faith.
- A confirmed Christian is a pillar in the house of God.
- A confirmed Christian is not carried away by every wind of doctrine.
- A confirmed Christian is not overthrown by sudden temptation.
- A confirmed Christian is an anchor in time of church trouble.
- A confirmed Christian is an example for others to be like.

4. What two divine actions did Paul expect in the lives of the people to whom he ministered?

Answer.

- Paul expected the grace of God to preserve those to whom he ministered to the end of their lives, or till Jesus should come.
- Paul expected the whole church of God, in every place, and in all time, to be kept to the end of the dispensation, till the Lord Jesus return as the Bridegroom for his perfected Bride.

5. How many of His sheep will Jesus lose?

Answer.

Of the sheep of His fold Jesus will lose none; no member of His Body shall die; no gem of His treasure shall be missing in the day when He makes up His jewels.

6. What is better than to be kept from sin?

Answer.

It is better to be confirmed in holiness.

7. What is declared in Scripture to be the triumph of the saints?

Answer.

This is the triumph of the saints—to continue to follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth (Revelation 14:4).

Reflection and Discussion

1. Is assurance of salvation important?
2. Is it presumptuous of a person to say they know they are converted and have eternal life?
4. Discuss the doctrine of eternal security. Is it a biblical doctrine? What is to be said to those who believe a person can lose their salvation?

Special Note.

It has been observed, in gentle humor, if the gospel flower of the doctrines of grace is the TULIP, then the flower of the Arminian should be the DAISEY: He loves me, He loves me not. He loves me, He loves me not.... Etc.

- *Romans 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.*

5. If a Christian is to be found blameless, how is that possible?
6. How can a Christian struggling with temptation be encouraged to believe what is written: "Sin shall not have dominion over you?" (Romans 6:14). When shall this be true?

Personal Application

1. I believe I am a confirmed Christian.
True _____ False _____
2. I want to be a confirmed Christian so I can be a comfort to those in sorrow.
True _____ False _____
3. I want to be a confirmed Christian so I can be a help to those who are weak in the faith.
True _____ False _____
4. I want to be a confirmed Christian so I can be a pillar in the house of God.
True _____ False _____

5. I want to be a confirmed Christians so I will not be carried away by every wind of doctrine.
True _____ False _____
6. I want to be a confirmed Christian so I will not be overthrown by sudden temptation.
True _____ False _____
7. I want to be a confirmed Christian so I can be an anchor in time of church trouble.
True _____ False _____
8. I want to be a confirmed Christian so I can be an example for others to follow.
True _____ False _____
9. I want to follow the Lamb wherever He goes.
True _____ False _____

Scriptural Memorization

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

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CHAPTER 19

WHY SAINTS PERSEVERE

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Review Questions and Answers

1. The Bible teaches that our God is an awesome God and He is a faithful God. List seven ways in which God is faithful.

Answer.

- God is faithful in His love; He knows no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
 - God is faithful to His purpose; He does not begin a work and then leave it undone.
 - God is faithful to His relationships; as a Father He will not renounce His children, as a friend He will not deny His people, as a Creator He will not forsake the work of His own hands.
 - God is faithful to His promises, and will never allow one of them to fail to a single believer.
 - God is faithful to His covenant, which He has made with us in Christ Jesus, and ratified with the blood of His sacrifice.
 - God is faithful to His Son, and will not allow His precious blood to be spilled in vain.
 - God is faithful to His people to whom He has promised eternal life, and from whom He will not turn away.
2. What is the foundation and cornerstone of the Christians hope of final perseverance?

Answer.

The faithfulness of God is the foundation and cornerstone of our hope of final perseverance. *1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

3. List three works of God that He has done which will assure the perseverance of the saints and give them the hope of heaven.

Answer.

- God has called individuals into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ.
 - God has justified those whom He calls into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ.
 - God has glorified those whom He calls and justifies.
4. Define the term, common call.

Answer.

The common call refers to the universal call of all men to salvation.

- *Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:*
- *Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Reflection and Discussion

1. Do you believe God is faithful? Discuss some specific ways God has been faithful to you.
2. Discuss the doctrine of calling. “Many are called, but few are chosen” (Matthew 22:14). Why does not God chose all? Is God unfair?
3. Do you believe in the effectual call to salvation and thus in irresistible grace? What is to be said to those who insist that the grace of God is not effectual and can be resisted?
4. Since not all people will be saved, is the common call to salvation a mockery? What purpose does it serve?

Personal Application

1. I have heard the common call of salvation in Jesus Christ.
True _____ False _____
2. I have responded to the special call of salvation to believe in Christ.
True _____ False _____
3. I believe I have eternal life.
True _____ False _____
4. I have the hope of heaven in my heart.
True _____ False _____
5. I believe God has justified or declared me righteous in Christ Jesus.
True _____ False _____
6. I believe God has glorified me and declare this to be my standing in Christ Jesus.
True _____ False _____

Scriptural Memorization

1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL OF GRACE

CHAPTER 20

CLOSE

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1. What three elements make reading a book profitable or valuable?

Answer.

- Reading a book is valuable if the truths set forth are grasped or comprehended.
- Reading a book is valuable if the truths set forth are appropriated, taken personally to heart.
- Reading a book is valuable if the truths set forth are carried out in a practical way.

2. What was a distinct desire Mr. Spurgeon shares for writing this book?

Answer.

Mr. Spurgeon's distinct desire was to benefit those who would read this work hoping to bless them.

3. List four popular religious activities people delight in.

Answer.

- People delight in religious prayers.
- People delight in church-going or chapel-going.
- People delight in ceremonies
- People delight in performances.

4. What is more precious in the sight of Jehovah than popular religious activities?

Answer.

A glance from the eye of true faith which is sincerely spiritual is more dear to Christ than many acts of religious behavior.

Special Note.

Religious rituals without any corresponding spiritual reality is meaningless.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Having now read this book and studied it, can you not feel the passion and pleading of Mr. Spurgeon? Do you almost feel the touch of his hand reaching out to grasp yours? How can Christians today capture this spirit of concern for the lost?
2. Mr. Spurgeon warns the reader to beware of mixing even a little of self with the process of salvation. Discuss some modern day methods and synergistic theologies that unite human efforts with the gospel as a means of salvation. Discuss “Easy Believing”; “Decisional Regeneration”; the “The Invitational System”; and “Baptismal Regeneration”.

Personal Application

1. I have not refused Jesus but embraced Him as Lord and Savior.
True _____ False _____
2. I have not refused the love of Christ but love Jesus because He first loved me.
True _____ False _____
3. I have not refused the blood of Christ but I plead the blood.
True _____ False _____
4. I have not refused the salvation to be found in Christ but have called upon the name of the Lord, “for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13).
True _____ False _____
5. I have not turned away from my Redeemer but have turned to Him believing that “my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth” (Job 19:25).
True _____ False _____
6. I believe that my salvation is all of grace for I believe that by grace have I been saved through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9).
True _____ False _____
7. By the grace of God, I plan to meet Mr. Spurgeon in heaven for I live in blessed hope.
True _____ False _____

“I will meet you in the morning by the bright riverside
When all sorrow has drifted away

I'll be standing at the portals when the gates open wide
At the close of life's long dreary day

I'll meet you in the morning
With a how do you do

And we'll sit down by the river
 And with rapture our auld acquaintance renew

You'll know me in the morning
 By the smiles that I wear

When I meet you in the morning
 In the city that is build four square

I will meet you in the morning in the sweet by and by
 And exchange the old cross for a crown

There will be no disappointments and nobody shall die
 In that land e're the sun goeth down

I will meet you in the morning at the end of the way
 On the streets of that city of gold

Where we all can be together and can be happy for aye
 While the years and the ages shall roll”.

Scriptural Memorization

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.