

***Questions and Quotes
Personal and Group Study
The Green Letters***

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Chapter 1

FAITH

A. True-False (“T” or “F”)

- ___ John 17:3 tells us to set our affections on things above.
- ___ We cannot trust anyone further than we know him.
- ___ “Positive thinking” is another name for biblical faith.

B. Matching

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| ___ “But without faith it is impossible to please Him.” | (1) Rom. 10:17 |
| ___ “That the trial of your faith...might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.” | (2) 2 Cor. 5:7 |
| ___ “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” | (3) Heb. 11:6 |
| ___ “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” | (4) 1 Pet. 1:7 |
| ___ “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” | (5) Heb. 11:1 |

C. Essay and Further Study

(1) How does George Muller regard “impressions” and “probabilities” as pertaining to faith?

(2) How do Hay, Stoney, McConkey, and Hopkins regard faith? (One sentence for each)

Hay –

Stoney –

McConkey –

Hopkins –

(3) “Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:3). To what scriptures was Paul referring as evidence or record of facts?

(4) From the scriptures above (section B, Matching), answer:

- a. What is faith?

- b. How do we obtain it?

- c. Of what practical value is it?

Memorize: Hebrews 11:1 (definition of faith)

Faith simply means the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Faith means, “First of all you are to submit; then you are to admit; then you are to permit; then you are to commit; and then you are to transmit.” Now that is faith. Faith submits to Christ, faith admits Christ to every part of life, faith permits Christ to be everything, faith commits everything to Christ, and then faith transmits Christ to others.

–Griffith Thomas

When things seem most hopeless, then is the time when faith is most tested. Faith will bring us into suffering. The greatest One suffered here, and why do we not suffer more? It is because we are not able for it. There will be a trying of your faith. And remember “trying” is not “trial.” “Trial” is pressing a horse over a five-barred gate when he cannot go over three. “Trying” is riding him over three when he can go over five. He will like it; it only exhilarates him.

–J.B. Stoney

TIME

- A. True-False (“T” or “F”)
- Healthy spiritual growth and ultimate maturity depend on continual, rapid progress.
 - Growth is not a uniform thing unto spiritual maturity.
 - Spiritual development is a gradual process.
 - Shortcuts, such as blessings, feelings and experiences, are permissible in spiritual growth.
 - Therefore, patient continuance rather than experience ensures fruit unto maturity.
- B. Multiple Choice (underline or circle the correct answer)
- (1) On pages 15 and 16 are given the names of 25 well-known men and women of God, who did not come to know the Lord Jesus as their Life until some time after entering their ministry. This time span averaged:
- a. 1 yr.
 - b. 5 yrs.
 - c. 15 yrs.
 - d. 20 yrs.
- (compare pp. 37 and 41)
- (2) How much time did Prime Minister Disraeli have for preparation of his brilliant “spur-of-the-moment” speech before Parliament?
- a. 5 mins.
 - b. 2 hrs.
 - c. a few seconds
 - d. 20 yrs.
- C. Matching
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| <input type="checkbox"/> “By little and little will I drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased.” | (1) Phil. 1:6
(2) Exod. 23:30
(3) Phil. 3:14
(4) 2 Pet. 3:18
(5) Phil. 3:10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.” | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “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.” | |

D. Completion (insert the proper words)

True spiritual growth involves _____ as well as joy,
_____ as well as happiness, _____ as well as life,
_____ as well as service, _____ as well as success.

E. Essay and Further Study

(1) According to T. Austin-Sparks, is our spiritual growth and ascendancy an act (crisis) or a process? Explain.

(2) Is it wrought by force, or does it come spontaneously? Comment.

Memorize: Philipians 1:6

We cannot be spiritual believers all at once; we must be content to begin as babes. Spiritual stature and strength do not come by effort but by growth; and growth is the result of being nourished by proper food. But if we do not grow by effort it is important to remember that we do not grow without exercise.

God begins by giving our hearts a sense of the blessedness of the grace in which He has called us, and of all that subsists in His beloved Son, that we may be awakened and enhungered to pursue the knowledge of all this with purpose of heart and prayerful study.

—C.A. Coates

ACCEPTANCE

A. True-False (“T” or “F”)

- The Holy Spirit always reasons down from what God is to man, not from what man is to God.
- We can walk in the Spirit and in the flesh at the same time.
- Preaching devotion first and blessing second is the reverse of God's order.
- Most believers today reason from themselves to God rather than from God to themselves.
- Fear is a higher incentive or motivation to devotion than love is.
- Spiritual development usually comes in hard, dry times.
- According to Newell, grace once bestowed can be withdrawn.

B. Matching

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| <input type="checkbox"/> “But God commendeth his love | (1) Eph. 1:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> toward us...Christ died for us.” | (2) Col. 1:20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “Wherein he hath made us | (3) Rom. 5:8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> accepted in the Beloved.” | (4) Rom. 5:1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “Having made peace through the | (5) Rom. 8:31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood of his Cross.” | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “If God be for us, who can be | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> against us?” | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “Being justified by faith, we | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> have peace with God through | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> our Lord Jesus Christ.” | |

C. Completion (insert the proper words)

“Fear produces the obedience of _____; love engenders the obedience of _____.”

D. Essay and Further Study

- (1) Contrast Law and Grace as to their approach to the relationship between blessing and devotion (Newell).

- (2) According to Stoney (p. 19), does God alter His relationship with or attitude toward us? Explain.

Memorize: Romans 8:31

The blessed God never alters nor diverges from the acceptance in which He has received us because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Alas! we diverge from the state in which God can ever be toward us as recorded in Rom. 5:1-11.

Many suppose that because they are conscious of sins, that henceforth they must renew their acceptance with God. The truth is that God has not altered. His eye rests on the work accomplished by Christ for the believer. When you are not walking in the Spirit you are in the flesh: you have returned to the old man which has been crucified on the Cross. You have to be restored, and when you are, you find your acceptance with God unchanged and unchangeable. When sins are introduced there is a fear that God has changed. He has not changed but you have; when you sin you have changed. You are not walking in the Spirit but in the flesh.

You have to judge yourself and confess your sin in order to be restored to fellowship. "For this is My Blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28). But if your sins were not met there, where can they be met? "Now where remission of sins is, there is no more offering for sin" (Heb. 10:18).

God has effected the reconciliation; He always remains true to it. Alas! we diverge from it; and the tendency is to suppose that the blessed God has altered toward us. He certainly will judge the flesh if we do not, but He never departs from the love which He has expressed to the prodigal, and we find that when the cloud which walking in the flesh produced has passed away, His love, blessed by His name, had never changed.

—J.B. Stoney

PURPOSE

A. True-False (“T” or “F”)

- Through conscious self-effort, we can become more like Jesus Christ.
- God has abandoned His purpose of making man in His image.
- Knowing God's purpose for our lives, and knowing how to enter into it, are two different things.
- Job 13:15 states that the patriarch knows that his redeemer lives.
- God's original purpose is to conform us to the image of His Son.
- Failure is the main instrument for accomplishing this purpose.

B. Matching

- “And God said, Let us make man in our image.”
 - “But we...are changed into the same image from glory to glory.”
 - “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son.”
 - “That the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.”
 - “I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.”
- (1) Gal. 4:19
(2) 2 Cor. 4:11
(3) Gen. 1:26
(4) Rom. 8:29
(5) 2 Cor. 3:18

C. Completion (insert the proper words)

“Make it [the Bible] to be the medium, not of _____, but of _____.”

D. Essay and Further Study

- (1) Comment on the principle concerning Hawthorne's “Great Stone Face.” (p. 28)

Where are your affections?

- (2) How does God use failure in the Christian life?

(3) Read 1 Cor. 15:45,47 and Rom. 5:15-19. Is Adam a real historical character?

If not, how would that affect our salvation? (see 1 Cor. 15:17-19)

Memorize: Colossians 3:3

The marvel of divine grace is that not only has everything according to the heart of God been secured for me through the death and resurrection of Christ, but that I, a child of Adam, should be, not only in peace with God, where I was under His judgment, but that I am transferred from Adam to Christ; and I am to have Christ formed in me now, and the life that I now live in the flesh I am to live 'by faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.'

I am born of God—of new and divine origin—a new vessel to hold the new wine, and to be here on earth now where I was a child of Adam, in the grace and beauty of Christ, led by His own Spirit to stand for Him; daily more and more 'transformed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord' (2 Cor. 3:18). —J.B. Stoney

We are created for more than our own spiritual development; reproduction, not mere development, is the goal to mature being—reproduction in other lives. There is a tendency in some characters, running parallel to the high cultivation that spends its whole energy on the production of bloom at the expense of seed.

The flowers that are bent on perfecting themselves, by becoming double, end in barrenness, and a like barrenness comes to the soul whose interests are all concentrated upon its own spiritual soul whose interests are all concentrated upon its own spiritual well-being, heedless of the needs around. The true, ideal flower is the one that uses its gifts as means to an end; the brightness and sweetness are not for its own glory; they are but to attract the bees and butterflies that will fertilize and make it fruitful.
—Lilias Trotter

PREPARATION

- A. True-False (“T” or “F”)
- Freedom from the domination of sin is accomplished not by “Christ plus my receiving” but rather by “Christ plus my efforts.”
 - The “good work” in Phil. 1:6 is begun through failure.
 - After finding justifying (pardoning) rest in Christ, a man may feel the need of sanctifying rest as well.
 - According to Stoney, we can “stockpile” the truth in living power without using it until a later time.
 - We should urge sinners to be saved and “decide for Christ” regardless of whether they have a spiritual hunger or not.
 - Those who have experienced deep failure are those whom God invariably calls to shepherd others.
 - According to Hosea 6:1, spiritual preparation requires a building up before there can be a tearing down.
- B. Completion (insert the proper words)
“The first thing for which He sets us here is to _____” (p. 29),
and not to preach or do any work for Him.
- C. Essay and Further Study
- (1) Relate the last paragraph of this chapter to Heb. 4:15,16; John 10:4; and Prov. 25:14.

Does your testimony “ring true?”

- (2) Relate Gal. 6:1-3, 1 Cor. 13:6-7, Ps. 103:14-15 and 2 Tim. 2:24-25 to what J.C. Metcalfe says on pages 29 and 30.

Are you guilty of “judging before the time?” (1 Cor. 4:4,5; Prov. 18:13).

Does this mean that we, as spiritual leaders, should condone sin?

- (3) How do we grow and thrive spiritually, contrary to what is commonly taught in evangelical circles? (pp. 32,33; cf. James 5:10,11)

Memorize: Philippians 2:12 (responsibility of the saint) Philippians 2:13 (sovereignty of God)

The great thing is to be prepared for the divine effect of the truth to be made good in us by the Holy Spirit. Much ministry is lost upon, as to any practical result, because we are not prepared to be detached from things here, so as to be simply here *for Christ*. And the preparation for this is to come personally under the influence of the blessed attractiveness of the Lord Jesus. When we sit down under His shadow with great delight, everything else becomes so small, and loses its hold upon our hearts.

—C.A. Coates

We should always be prepared for circumstances that will arise, and for blessings that are to come, without foreseeing what these circumstances and blessings will be. This preparation consists in attention to present duty, and acceptance of present discipline.

If day by day we first seek divine direction, and then follow it, we shall be ready, when new circumstances arise, for the new blessings which will be offered. Today should be preparation for tomorrow. The only proof that we shall be equal to tomorrow's test is that we are meeting today's test believingly and courageously. The only evidence that we shall be willing for God's will tomorrow is that we are subject to His will today.

—Wm. Graham Scroggie

COMPLETE IN HIM

A. True-False (“T” or “F”)

- ___ The Lord Jesus never used natural facts in order to teach spiritual truths, as we are to compare spiritual things only with spiritual (1 Cor. 2:13).
- ___ We should praise God for an all-inclusive freedom even before we are delivered from bad situations.
- ___ Our part (in union with Christ) is not productions but reception of our life in Christ.
- ___ The Japanese artist Hokusai felt he achieved final success by the time he reached the age of retirement.
- ___ God is the initiator and aggressor (not our self-effort) in the realm of spiritual development.

B. Matching (Authors)

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| ___ “Progress is only advancing in...the spiritual knowledge of what we really possess at the outset.” | (1) Wm. Law |
| ___ “For the sun meets not the springing bud that stretches toward him with half the certainty that God...communicates Himself to the soul that longs to partake of Him.” | (2) W. Marshall |
| ___ “With the entrance of Christ into the human individual, the divine life becomes immanent in us.” | (3) J.T. Beck |
| ___ “Christ's resurrection was our resurrection to a life of holiness, as Adam's fall was our fall into spiritual death.” | (4) J.B. Stoney |

C. Essay and Further Study

- (1) List the seven “rungs” on Stoney's progressive “ladder of grace” (p. 34). What step are you on right now?

- (2) Relate James 5:7 to the opening paragraph of the chapter.

- (3) What two kinds of communion are developed in transforming an individual?
(p. 36)

How do you reconcile this statement with John 3:16 (“only begotten”): “Man is not only a being made of God, but a being begotten of God?”

Memorize: Colossians 2:10

I am complete in Christ! Am I fit to be in God's presence? Yes. “Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light” (Col. 1:12). That is the place we are brought into, just as the completeness of the Godhead was brought to us in Christ. Then I find that I am complete according to all God's thoughts. Just as God stood in Christ before men, the redeemed man stands in Christ before God.

Complete in Him, I have everything I want, both now and for eternity. “Both He that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified, are all of one” (Heb. 2:11). What life do I have? Christ. What righteousness? Christ. What glory? Christ. How can I tell how much God loves me? We are loved as Christ is loved. He dwells in us, and “the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which is given unto us” (Rom. 5:5).
–J.N. Darby

APPROPRIATION

- A. True-False (“T” or “F”)
- Showing Christians their position, possessions, and privileges in Christ is necessary before they can grow spiritually, rather than presenting them with a list of conditions (law).
 - This Spiritual supply was appreciated and appropriated by Paul, whether or not he recognized his need for it.
 - There is no quick, short, easy way in spiritual development.
 - Nothing can be added to eternal life as to its victory, its power, its glory and potentialities.
 - Therefore, it is unnecessary for the believer to be conformed to, to live by, or to prove (test) it.
 - In appropriation, acceptance and receiving usually occur spontaneously without a time delay.
 - The Holy Spirit’s primary purpose in revealing truths to us is not for our admiration, but to make them an integral part of our lives.
- B. Multiple Choice (underline or circle the correct answer)
- (1) According to the writer on page 42, the average preparation for a sermon requires:
 - a. 2-4 hours
 - b. 4 days
 - c. 3 or 4 months
 - d. 10-20 years(compare p. 17)
 - (2) “It is appropriation that tests us. How often we stop at admiration.” This revealing statement as made by:
 - a. L.L. Legters
 - b. T. Austin-Sparks
 - c. C.A. Coates
 - d. Wm. R. Newell
 - (3) “For your life is hid with Christ in God” is found in:
 - a. Col. 1:19
 - b. Col. 3:3
 - c. Eph. 3:19
 - d. Phil. 1:6
 - e. Eph. 4:1
 - (4) Reality of appropriation usually comes:
 - a. At the next counseling interview with the pastor
 - b. In the next devotional book
 - c. During the next hoped-for “revival”
 - d. During the next series of evangelistic or “deeper life” meetings
 - e. During the next family-life Seminar
 - f. Through time after need is evident

C. Essay and Further Study

(5) Define “appropriation.

(6) What three prerequisites (elements) are necessary for appropriation? (pp. 39,41)

(7) What things are we as Christians to covet? (1 Cor. 12:13)

(8) Give the writer’s definition of a prophet. (p. 42)

Memorize: Romans 8:29

“Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you” (Joshua 1:3). It is to encourage us to go in to possess. I am entitled to it before I enter upon it at all, just as I have the key of my house in my hand before I go into it. People often say they wish they could go into the land, and all the time they never have the sense of their title to do so. I should have the unalterable conviction that it is *mine*.

–J.B. Stoney

IDENTIFICATION

A. True-False ("T" or "F")

According to:

- J. Hudson Taylor, Galatians 2:20 is for every child of God, not just the select few.
- F.J. Huegel, Luther failed to go on from Romans 5 to Romans 6, thereby infecting Protestantism with "ulcerous fleshiness."
- Wm. Culbertson, the Lord Jesus died alone on the Cross.
- Lewis Sperry Chafer, Romans 6:1-10 reveals that we believers still must undergo judgments on our sin nature.
- T. Austin-Sparks there is usually a phase of testing and trial after elation over the beginning of Romans 6 emancipation.
- Watchman Nee, the Blood of the Cross performs the same function of doing away with the "old man."
- E.H. Hopkins, differentiation must be made between the penalty (guilt) of sin and its power (reign).
- R. Paxson, our "old man" rose up with Christ at His resurrection.
- Wm. R. Newell, our being "dead to sin" is a personal, subjective option, not a divine, objective fact.
- J.R. McConkey, mere reckoning ourselves "dead to sin" does not render it a fact, but rather our union with Christ makes it so.
- J. Penn-Lewis, there is really no difference between "Christ dying for us" and "our dying with Him."
- N.B. Harrison, the distinctive mark of the Christian is the experience of the Cross.
- Andrew Murray, we can be justified by God without our knowledge of the Lord Jesus' dying for our atonement.
- Reginald Wallis, we need to reckon on Christ's representative work for day-by-day victory, as well as on His substitutionary death.
- L.E. Maxwell, our having died with Christ is true of all believers.
- A.R. Hay, only the believer's desires (emotions)-not intellect and will-are judged and crucified at Calvary.

B. Essay and Further Study

- (1) How is man made in God's image?

- (2) Give passages for this from both Testaments.

Memorize: Romans 6:12 (our responsibility)
Romans 6:14 (God's sovereignty)

We have no doubt that, for the sinner, the Cross is the outstanding expression of God's love, but when we realize that it brings us, as believers, into a very personal experience of being crucified together with Christ, we are apt to lose sight of the love of God.

We set our teeth, as though making up our minds that from now on everything is going to be grim and harsh. It almost seems that the carnal Christian may be cheerful and happy, but the crucified ones must expect to pass into a gloomier experience. Nothing is farther from the truth. The Cross will always bring us back to the love of God in ever-increasing fullness.

—H. Foster

CONSECRATION

A. True-False (“T” or “F”)

- Consecration is badly misunderstood by many believers today.
- Consecration comes before crucifixion.
- Only those aware of their own impotence as believers learn to lead spiritual lives by the Holy Spirit.
- Romans 6 is a mere aspect and not a foundational truth for growth.
- As growing believers we must go beyond the love-motive to the life-motive.
- Such verses as 1 Cor. 1:30, 1 Pet. 1:2, 2 Thess. 2:13, 1 Thess. 5:23 and Acts 20:32 teach us that though justification is all God's work, sanctification (growth) is our work.
- The new Christ-life, not the old self-life, must be consecrated to Him.

B. Essay

- (1) Name some local churches (not necessarily denominations) you have visited where members of the congregation were exhorted to “come forward” Sunday after Sunday to consecrate and reconsecrate themselves.

- (2) Is “bargaining with God” permissible in the following case: “He did for me, so I must do for Him”? Comment.

Restate in your own words the three points with which this chapter is introduced.

(1)

(2)

(3)

Memorize: Philippians 1:21

SELF

A. True-False (“T” or “F”)

- The Lord Jesus is known as Savior in our birth phase and as Lord and Life in our growth phase.
- The healthy new birth does not guarantee against later heartbreak and despair.
- Paul was half right but Plato was all right.
- Busy, rushing service and “dynamic,” “radiant” personalities do not necessarily indicate healthy spiritual births.
- “Separation from the world” automatically results in “separation from self.”
- People and circumstances do not cause failure; self’s reaction to them is the cause of failure.
- Divine revelation precedes self-revelation.
- Of all categories of needy people, the neediest are those having an agonizing, heartbreaking struggle for “victory.”

B. Multiple Choice (underline or circle the proper choice)

- (1) “...that agony of conflict, of desire to do what we cannot do, of longing to do the right we find we cannot do” is found in Romans:
- a. Chapter 5
 - b. Chapter 6
 - c. Chapter 7
 - d. Chapter 8
- (2) Reckon yourself to be _____ indeed unto sin (Rom. 6:11).
- a. alive
 - b. weak
 - c. dead
 - d. dying

C. Completion (insert the proper words)

“Our experience, upward, in the power of God is just in proportion to our experience, downward, in _____.”

D. Matching

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| <input type="checkbox"/> “The fellowship of his sufferings.” | (1) 2 Cor. 4:12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “Our old man was crucified with him.” | (2) Rom. 8:29 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “Death worketh in us.” | (3) Rom. 7:15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “Conformed to the image of his Son.” | (4) Phil. 3:10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “But what I hate, that I do.” | (5) Rom. 6:6 |

E. Essay and Further Study

(1) In what two “infinite” forms does self manifest itself, according to Hopkins?

(2) Which form of self is more subtle and hard to detect? Why?

(3) How does God work by paradox? (p. 56; see also “Preparation” chapter)

Memorize: Romans 6:11

Leave the old nature (the self-life) without law, and it is lawless; put it under law, it breaks law; put it near Christ, it crucifies Him; put the Holy Spirit in man, the flesh lusts against Him; take a man to the third heaven, it is puffed up with pride; and, if there were a fourth heaven, self would be more puffed up still. The remedy is—not more grace, but keeping it down in death via the Cross. “Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin.”

SELF-DENIAL

- A. True-False (“T” or “F”)
- You cannot conquer the old Adam nature by starving the affections and abusing the body.
 - Calvary's Cross resulted in the Lord Jesus' death for our sins, but not our death unto sin.
 - More meetings with gifted evangelists, more Bible study, and more prayer do not constitute God's means of conquering the “old man.”
 - However, church activity as an aid to growth is one such successful means.
 - God gives power to the old Adam nature to do His work.
- B. Multiple Choice (underline or circle the correct answer)
- (1) Thrallldom (slavery) to the old nature is broken by:
- a. Mortification and withdrawal from the world
 - b. Moment-by-moment cleansing
 - c. “Revivals” conducted at least twice a year
 - d. The Cross of Calvary
 - e. Training and good Christian environment
- (2) Proof texts for the above correct answer are found in all the following except:
- a. Gal. 3:13
 - b. Rom. 6:6
 - c. Gal. 6:14
 - d. 1 John 1:9
 - e. Gal. 2:20
- C. Completion (insert the proper words)
- (1) “We (must) receive the benefits of the work of the Cross simply by _____.” This act of ours is based upon: _____.” The result is: “we find out _____.” Then, _____, the result is: “we are able to _____.” And _____, the result is: “we begin to _____.” Again, always begin with facts.
- (2) “Scripture teaches us that the Cross not only _____, but it (also) really _____, and _____.”

D. Essay and Further Study

- (1) Differentiate between the purpose (function) of the Blood and the purpose (function) of the Cross. (p. 60)

- (2) Contrast self-denial (usual sense) and denial of self. In which category do good resolutions, penance, and giving up “vices” for Lent fall?

- (3) Briefly summarize God's way of self-denial. (pp. 61,62)

Memorize: Galatians 2:20

As with the seed that is buried once for all, but then goes through a gradual process that sets free the new life, even so does God deal with the old nature by delivering it to death and burial with Christ once for all, and then bringing about its “mortifying” in detail through the circumstances of life, until the power of self has lost its hold.

–Lilias Trotter

Nothing is more misdirected than a self-directed life.

THE CROSS

A. True-False (“T” or “F”)

- We are not left to deal with the old nature ourselves; it has been dealt with by Christ on the Cross.
- As our representative, the Lord Jesus was on the Cross alone.
- Understanding and appropriating the fact of the Cross constitutes a difficult phase for growing believers.
- Overcoming the self-life by self-effort is a hopeless struggle.
- The beginning of the life of growth is a faith in the crucified Savior which sees only His substitutionary work.
- Every victory we are given through Calvary was first His.

B. Completion (insert the proper word in both columns)

	He (died for me)	I (died with Him)
(1) Christ did this as my (substitute, representative).	<u>substitute</u>	<u>representative</u>
This gives us freedom from the (power, penalty of sin).	_____	_____
This act is called (justification, progressive sanctification).	_____	_____
I cannot add to this finished work of (identification, justification).	_____	_____
By this act, I appreciate God's (deliverance, forgiveness).	_____	_____
It took care of my (sinful nature, sins).	_____	_____
(2) Ian Thomas mentions an “enemy within the camp, a usurper.” What five synonyms does he apply to this enemy? _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____.		
(3) “Our lord holds His most vital and best things in store for those who _____, for those who _____.”		
(4) “As he (the Christian) reckons (himself crucified), the Holy Spirit _____; as he continues to reckon, the Holy Spirit continues to _____.”		

(5) “We need forgiveness for _____, but we need deliverance from _____.”

(6) The “spiritual squirrel cage,” involving an abuse of 1 John 1:9, goes through this typical cycle: _____, _____, then _____.

C. Essay and Further Study

(1) On page 59 we read, “More meetings, more Bible study, more prayer are all resorted to, but neither are these God’s answer to this problem (of the old man).” Neither is up-to-the-moment confession and consequent cleansing (p. 60). How would you reconcile this with the middle paragraph on page 65? (Clue: Which comes first, growth or crucifixion?)

Memorize: Colossians 2:6

The challenge of the Cross, the insistence that we have been crucified with Christ, may sometimes appear to be a dark and forbidding message. The Cross is not the end. It is the way through to the end. “I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end” (Jer. 29:11). God is working something beyond the immediate; He is working towards the glory (Col. 3:3,4).
–H. Foster

DISCIPLESHIP

A. True-False (“T” or “F”)

- Daily trials that come upon us do not constitute a “cross.”
- Since the Cross is a place of death, believers gladly choose such a fellowship without hesitation.
- True disciples are actually bond-slaves to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Only the Cross can keep hindrances to growth in the place of death.
- Once self is nailed to the Cross, it always remains there.

B. Completion (insert the proper words)

- (1) “The divine way (Cross) for spiritual emancipation is just as offensive to the _____ as the _____ is to the _____.”
- (2) “We will be ready to take up our Cross when _____, when we begin to _____.”
- (3) “And here is how we take up and bear our Cross:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. “We definitely begin to: _____.”
 - d. A disciple is one who:
 1. _____
 2. _____ (p. 69)

Memorize: Galatians 6:14

C. Multiple Choice (underline or circle the correct word)

- “Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and
- a. thrive
 - b. wither
 - c. die
 - d. germinate
- it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth _____ fruit.”
- a. much
 - b. some
 - c. little
 - d. more

D. Essay and Further Study

- (1) Consult Christian books for examples of men and women who hungered and thirsted to be like Christ. Name four such Christians.

- (2) Read the lines of the Thanksgiving hymn, “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come,” and identify three or four verses used therein (Bible).

- (3) What principle covered in this chapter is missing from this hymn?
Consult Christian books for examples of men and women who hungered and thirsted to be like Christ. Name four such Christians.

Memorize: John 12:24

The work of God in the lives of His people is designed to make them “partakers of His holiness.” He undertakes their training in His school with the intention that, however difficult in practice the course may be, it will yield “the peaceable fruit of righteousness” in the lives of those who undergo it.

This evidently represents His norm—no shortcuts and no exceptions. At least, He did not make an exception of Abraham, or Joseph, or Moses, or any of the other great men whose names are listed in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Their training lasted for decades and led them into painful situations and difficult places. But their lives, as a result, were incomparably fruitful. –J.P.

PROCESS OF DISCIPLESHIP

A. True-False (“T” or “F”)

- There is freedom, not fear, in the Husbandman's hand.
- The golden covering on the wheat “corn” represents the self-life.
- The golden kernels are but a stage and not the goal of a kernel of wheat.
- The method of transition from carnal to fruitful Christian is the same for all individuals.

B. Matching

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| <input type="checkbox"/> “Whosoever shall lose his life
for my sake and the gospel's, the
same shall save it.” | (1) Job 13:15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “He that believeth shall not
make haste.” | (2) 2 Cor. 4:12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “So then death worketh in us,
but life in you.” | (3) Luke 8:15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “Though he slay me, yet will I
trust in him.” | (4) Isa. 28:16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “And bring forth fruit with
patience.” | (5) Mark 8:35 |

C. Completion (insert the proper words)

- (1) “It is impossible for us to share His life until we have first in very deed _____, and so to _____.”
- (2) “And it is necessary for Him to engineer our exchange from _____ Christians to _____ disciples.”
- (3) Bright, clever Christians “have everything to make them saints, except _____, which would mold them into _____ and _____.”

REST

- A. True-False (“T” or “F”)
- Faith begins as a rest but is consummated as a labor.
 - Rest is the key to rest.
 - True activity springs out of, and is ever accompanied by, rest, not labor.
 - Appropriation of (resting in) reality must be on the basis of labor, not rest.
 - God works in us regardless of our anxiety over our spiritual experience.
- B. Multiple Choice (underline or circle the correct answer)
- (1) The fact that believers are begotten unto an inheritance is revealed in:
- a. Heb. 4:11
 - b. Gal. 5:24
 - c. 1 Pet. 1:3
 - d. Heb. 4:3
 - e. 1 Pet. 1:23
- (2) Which verse tells us that in quietness and confidence is our strength?
- a. Ps. 104:27
 - b. Isa. 26:3
 - c. Heb. 4:11
 - d. 1 Pet. 1:23
 - e. Isa. 30:15
- C. Completion (insert the proper words)
- (1) “The more clearly we enter by faith into _____, or what is true of us in Christ, the deeper, the more experiential, and practical, will be the _____ in us....”
- (2) “Our part is to _____, and _____ whilst the Holy Spirit _____” in order that Gal. 5:24 may be really true of us.
- D. Essay and Further Study (comment on these discrepancies):
- (1) What four steps does our rest of faith involve? Can these come in random order?
- (2) Recall pp. 59,60 (self-denial) where it is stated that Bible study, more meetings, more prayer, up-to-the-moment confession and cleansing do not effectively deal with the Adamic nature.
- (3) On page 63, on the other hand, it is stated that “true spiritual reality comes in no other way (much time in digging, praying, meditating, yearning, and experiencing) but praise the Lord, it does come in this way!” And on page 76 we read, “All this (struggling, searching, agonizing for understanding needed spiritual truths) is not in vain; it is necessary (for knowing the facts). But it is not the key that opens the door to reality.”

(4) Explain the difference between those efforts that do not effectively deal with the Adamic nature and those efforts that actually do lead to a place of rest. (Clues: see the following paragraphs—middle of page 63; middle of page 77; middle of page 79 through page 80.)

Memorize: Hebrews 4:11

We must learn to wait upon God. There is an immense amount of impatience, naturally, in every believer's heart. This is the reason of the restlessness that so many feel and manifest when God calls them to endure suffering, or pass through trial. We have to “run with patience,” and not merely with enthusiasm. To wait upon the Lord is to learn what is God's time, as well as what is God's way.

HELP

A. True-False (“T” or “F”)

- ___ God's way of deliverance is different from man's way.
 ___ A faith that goes from strength to strength relies on experiences rather than reliable promises.
 ___ God is flattered and honored that we should continually ask Him for help.
 ___ Maturity knows Jesus Christ to be Life itself, while immaturity considers Him to be a mere helper.
 ___ In a spiritual battle, ask less and claim more in the way of victory.

B. Matching

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| ___ “The just shall live by faith.” | (1) Phil. 4:19 |
| ___ “Ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.” | (2) Heb. 10:38 |
| ___ “I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.” | (3) Phil. 4:13 |
| ___ “Ye are complete in him.” | (4) 1 Cor. 3:23 |
| ___ “But my God shall supply all your need.” | (5) Col. 2:10 |

C. Completion (insert the proper words)

- (1) “Man's way is to _____;
 God's way is to _____.”
- (2) “God's means of delivering us from sin is not by _____, but by _____.... God sets us free from the dominion of sin, not by _____, but by _____; not by _____.”
- (3) “Satan's great device is to _____.”

D. Essay and Further Study

According to A.W. Tozer, in what two ways do we “ask amiss” in private prayer and public services?

Memorize: Philippians 4:13

If we are not living near the Lord Jesus and are not where we should be, we neither have an appetite for spiritual things, nor can we feed upon Him who is the living Bread. When God pours into you a hunger for your Beloved and begins to reveal your privileges in Him, rejoice with great joy and gratitude toward God. If He did not put into our hearts the longing to know Him better and to have His very best, we would be satisfied with the least we could have and still be saved.

People may quarrel with the sovereignty of God, but I love it; because I know enough of my natural bent and will to be sure that if left to myself I should have gone straight to perdition. Some believers talk about man's free will when they are on their feet, but all are firm believers in God's sovereignty when they get on their knees.

—C.A. Coates

CULTIVATION

A. True-False (“T” or “F”)

- The presence of gifts is a true measure of one's spiritual maturity.
- It is injurious for one believer to force another into “blessings” that he is not prepared for. (see also chapter 9, Consecration)
- God trained a man (Moses) before He trained a nation (Israel).
- In God's mind, the work is more important than the servant, who is only a channel.
- We are matured, rather than saved, to serve.
- Happiness in the Lord is the cause, rather than the result, of work.
- Most of our service on the way to maturity is for the development of others rather than ourselves.
- God as husbandman cultivates us upward, without self-revelation.
- A rest-imparting service requires an inwardly restful life of the servant.

B. Matching

- “And thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.”
 - (1) 2 Pet. 3:18
 - (2) John 21:17
 - (3) Isa. 58:11
- “Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”
- “Feed my sheep.”

C. Completion (insert the proper words)

- (1) “More than anything else, the service of prayer for others necessitates a triune understanding: that of _____, of _____, and of _____.”
- (2) “His reason for this preparation (cultivation) is twofold: that _____; and _____.”
- (3) “There can be little question concerning the importance of balance, so vital in the _____, _____, and _____ realms.”

D. Multiple Choice (underline the correct answer)

The basis of the beginning and growth of our service to God is found in our:

- a. abilities
- b. spiritual life
- c. enthusiasm
- d. academic qualifications
- e. aspirations

E. Essay and Further Study

(1) In which of the above realms (one or more) do you feel a lack of balance in your life?

(2) If you sense such a lack of fulfillment, what steps would you take to remedy it?

Memorize: 2 Pet. 3:18

It is always the manner of God's cultivation to make His servants practically pass through, and learn in a fuller and more vivid way, the particular line of truth of which He designs them to be the channel. –J.B. Stoney

CONTINUANCE

A. True-False (“T” or “F”)

- The spiritual things of God in Christian experience are less and less outward (gift) and more and more inward (life).
- Sonship, though inherent in birth, also includes growth to maturity.
- Therefore, spiritual babyhood should be a permanent feature of sonship.
- We should love, trust, and respond to God only when He seems to be “blessing” us.
- Areas of development include seemingly barren but necessary “deserts” of inactivity.
- Early phases of the Christian life are taken up with the externals.
- Therefore, we needn't ever expect God to take them out of our lives.
- We must trust His love more and more, and learn increasingly to distrust ourselves.

B. Multiple Choice (underline or circle the correct answer)

The command to “endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ” is found in:

- a. 2 Tim. 3:12
- b. Rom. 8:19
- c. 2 Tim. 2:19
- d. 2 Tim. 2:3
- e. 2 Thess. 3:3

C. Completion (insert the proper words)

- (1) “It is a matter not so much of that _____, as of that _____.”
- (2) “His relentless processing will discourage and baffle us if we simply want _____. But if we want _____, all that we are taken through, including _____, will encourage us.”
- (3) “Sonship is something more than being born again. It represents _____.”

D. Essay and Further Study:

There is a scriptural kind of “confirmation” that is involved in the Christian life. What do the following verses tell us about confirmation?

- a. Acts 14:22

- b. Acts 15:32

- c. Acts 18:23

- d. 1 Cor. 1:8

- e. 2 Cor. 2:8 (vv. 5-9)

Memorize: 2 Timothy 2:19 (entire verse!)

Many a Christian has not got beyond this: Christ is a shelter for me, and takes care of me. Souls look for their barrel of meal not to waste, and their cruse of oil not to fail. But is that the whole Christianity? Is it that Christ comes and indwells me—stays with me through every season, and cares for me? I make bold to say it is not.

Is it shelter only? No! You are mutilating Christianity if you confine it to that. God says: I have saved you by My own Son, and now another factor must come in; you are to live by the One who has saved you; My purpose is that you are to be conformed to His image. —J.B. Stoney

The most disappointing people possible are those who made a great surrender at first in the way of separation, and are so satisfied with their one great achievement that they think no more is necessary. They are like ancient towers, monuments of greatness in another day, covered with ivy, but neither capable nor fitted for the exigencies of the *present* hour.
