

## HOW TO BE SAVED

### CHOOSE TO SERVE GOD:

- 1) "Faith is believing that God knows best what is for our good." (Education, p. 253)
- 2) "You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure . . ." (Steps to Christ, pp. 47ff.; Phillipians 2:13)

### WE CANNOT MAKE OURSELVES RIGHTEOUS OR BE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE SAVED:

- 3) "The sinner cannot rid himself of sin by any power of his own." (Sons and Daughters of God, p. 12)
- 4) "Many have an idea that they must do some part of the work alone. They have trusted in Christ for the forgiveness of sin, but now they seek by their own efforts to live aright. But *every such effort must fail*." (Steps to Christ, pp. 68-69; Rom.10:3 ". . . seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God." Rom.3:20 ". . . by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified.")
- 5) "The Lord can do nothing toward the recovery of man until, convinced of his own weakness, and *stripped of all self-sufficiency*, he yields himself to the control of God. Then he can receive the gift that God is waiting to bestow." (Desire of Ages, p. 300)
- 6) "Man is not able to save himself, but the Son of God fights his battles for him. . . ." (EGW, Review & Herald, February 8, 1898)

### DEPEND FULLY ON CHRIST (FAITH AND CONTINUAL SURRENDER)

- 7) "By living faith, the Christian places entire dependence on divine power, expecting that God will and do that which is according to His good pleasure. " (EGW, Signs of the Times, June 4, 1912)
- 8) ". . . the only way we can secure the help of God is to put ourselves wholly in His hands, and trust Him to work for us." (E.G.White, SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 6, p. 1080)
- 9) "If you give yourself to Him, and accept Him as your Savior, then, sinful as your life may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. Christ's character stands in place of your character, and you are accepted before God just as if you had not sinned. More than this, Christ changes the heart. He abides in your heart by faith. You are to maintain this connection with Christ by faith and the continual surrender of your will to Him; and so long as you do this, He will work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure . . . Then with Christ working in you, you will manifest the same spirit and do the same good works--works of righteousness, obedience." (Steps to Christ, pp. 62-63, cf. Rom. 2:13; Rom. 6:15-16.)

### HOPE AND HELP FOR THE WEAKEST PERSON:

- 10) "Of ourselves, we are not able to bring the purposes and desires and inclinations into harmony with the will of God; but if we are 'willing to be made willing,' the Savior will accomplish this for us, . . ." (Acts of the Apostles, p. 482; cf. Phil. 2:13)
- 11) "Hang your helpless soul on Christ by faith." (Selected Messages, vol. 2, p. 58) "In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free." Ps. 118:5 NIV
- 12) ". . . there should be an abiding, peaceful trust. Your hope is not in yourself; it is in Christ." (Steps to Christ, p. 70) Isaiah 30:15 "This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: 'In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, . . .'"
- 13) "Here is where we need to watch, to strive, to pray, that nothing may entice us to choose another master; . . . But let us keep our eyes fixed upon Christ, and He will preserve us. Looking unto Jesus, we are safe." (Steps to Christ, pp. 72ff.)