

Steps to Christ
Chapter 12
What to Do With Doubt

“Disguise it as they may, the real cause of doubt as skepticism, in most cases, is the love of sin. The teachings and restrictions of God’s Word are not welcome to the proud, sin-loving heart, and those who are unwilling to obey its requirements are ready to doubt its authority. In order to arrive at truth, we must have a sincere desire to know the truth and a willingness of heart to obey it. And all who come in the Spirit to study the bible will find abundance evidence that it is God’s Word, and they may gain an understanding of its truths that will make them wise unto salvation.” Steps to Christ, p. 111

I. A Word of Caution

 **Read Job 11:7-8; Hebrews 3:12; Romans 11:33; 2 Peter 3:16**

Discussion Question:

1. After reading the above texts, what is your initial reaction?

II. The Danger of Doubting

 **Read Hebrews 3:12-13**

Discussion Questions:

2. What are two results that occur when we doubt?

3. Explain what it means for one’s heart to be hardened?

III. How Can We Know Him?

 **Read Psalm 34:8; John 7:17; John 16:24**

Discussion Questions:

4. What are some of the thoughts that come to mind as you read these verses?
5. How would you explain to someone the meaning of the words “taste and see”?
6. Why do you think doing the will of God is connected to understanding Him?

IV. The Blessing of Overcoming Doubt and Unbelief

 **Read Proverbs 4:18-19; 1 Corinthians 13:12; 2 Peter 3:18**

Discussion Questions:

7. In Proverbs 4:18-19, the Scripture contrasts light and darkness. Describe the results of belief versus unbelief in the Christian life.

8. Paul used the words “through a glass darkly.” Explain what this means.

V. Doubting Thomas

 **Read John 20:24-29**

Discussion Questions:

9. What do you think was the problem with Thomas’s request?
10. How did Jesus reach to Thomas’s unbelief?
11. How has verse 29 been fulfilled?

VI. Not a Laughing Matter

 **Read Genesis 17:17; Genesis 18:12**

Discussion Questions:

12. Discuss the issue involved in Abraham and Sarah doubting God’s Word.

13. Discuss what consequences might result when we do not take God at His word.

VII. Help My Unbelief

 **Read the story recorded in Mark 9:14-24**

Discussion Questions:

14. The man who asked Jesus for help had mixed feelings about the ability of Jesus to heal his son. Why do you think this was?
15. Jesus said, “If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” Some say, If a person just believes, they can get anything they want. What do you think Jesus meant?
16. The man said, “Help thou my unbelief.” Discuss the significance of this request.

“By faith we may look to the hereafter and grasp the pledge of God for a growth of intellect, the human faculties united with the Divine, and every power on the soul being brought into direct contact with the Source of Light. We may rejoice that all which has perplexed us in the providences of God will then be made plain.” Steps to Christ, p. 112