

# The 12 Steps for Christians

The 12-Steps were originally given by a Christian pastor to two struggling Christians so they would understand true Christianity. The pastor knew the power of Christ and the need for everyone to have Christ in their life. We don't just study these steps but make them our foundation for our Christian life. If every Christian were to daily incorporate the 12-Steps into their lives, we would have mass revival.

Steps 1 to 3: Coming to God (repeated every morning)

Steps 4 to 9: Cleaning up our Past & learning from our past

Steps 10 to 12: Walking daily with Jesus

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see: SECTION 1 - Christian Powerpoint Teachings**

**1. CHRISTIAN BASICS then 1. THE GOSPEL**

**Great Christian resource!!**

**8. HEALING (great section on healing) then 1. PATH TO HEALING (12-STEPS)**

**The 12-Steps for Christians with many other resources!!**

**1. We admitted we were powerless over our addictions and dysfunctions – that our lives had become unmanageable.** (Genesis 6:5) [Psalm 6:2-4; 6:6-7; 18:6; 18:27; 69:33; 72:12-13; 102:1; Matthew 9:36; Romans 3:10,23; 6:23; James 2:10]

**STEP 1 PRAYER (from the heart!!):** Father God, I come to You as Your child. Here I am. I now admit that I have tried to run my own life and my addictions and dysfunctions have taken control of me. I am powerless. Lord I no longer can manage my own life. Thank You Lord that I can now begin to do things Your way. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

**2. Came to believe that God, a Power greater than ourselves, could restore us to sanity and stability.** (Mark 9:23,24) [Exodus 14:14; Psalm 18:1-3; Matthew 9:12-13; John 3:3-6; 14-18; 10:37-39; 2 Corinthians 5:21]

**STEP 2 PRAYER (from the heart!!):** Father God, thank You that I can come to You because I believe Jesus shed His blood for me on the cross and rose from the dead. Thank You Jesus that You showed that You love me by shedding Your blood on the cross for my sin and by rising from the dead to give me new life. I confess that I have run my own life and that I have not fully allowed You to take control of my life. Lord Jesus, forgive me. I know that I am now forgiven because I trust in Your Word that says, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Lord, the only sane and stable person in the world is You Lord Jesus. I am now stable or sane but YOU are!! Jesus will You now come into my heart and be my Savior, my Lord, and my Life!! Lord Jesus will You now come into not only my heart but my mind, my will, my emotions, and every part of my body. Remove anything that is not of You and fill my spirit, soul, and body with You. I believe You are filling all of me right now and I thank You. Now, Jesus teach me to walk with You in Your Spirit and allow You to fill me constantly. You be my All and in All! Thank You Jesus!! I am now sane, stable, complete, loved, anointed, and filled with You. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

**3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.** (Romans 5:1,2) [Psalm 91:1-4; Matthew 11:28-30; John 5:24; Romans 5:17; 8:1; 10:9-13; 1 Peter 1:3-5]

**STEP 3 PRAYER (from the heart!!):** Father God, I come to You through faith in the shed blood of Jesus on the cross and through faith in His resurrection. I now know how much You love me. You have bought me with a price – the precious blood of Jesus!! I am now Yours. I give You my life. I turn my will and my life over to You. May my life now be, “Not my will but Yours be done.” Will You now come and fill my will with You. Take control of my life and my will. I put my trust in You. Here, I am Lord. I believe You can do miracles in my life and use me for Your glory. Now Father come and fill my spirit, my mind, my will, my emotions, and my body with Your precious Holy Spirit. I believe You are. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.

**4. Made a searching and fearless inventory of ourselves.** (Proverbs 16:2,3) [Psalm 66:18; 90:8; Proverbs 16:2-3; Luke 11:33-36; Romans 8:5-9; Galatians 5:13-21; Ephesians 5:22-23]

**STEP 4 PRAYER (from the heart!!):** Father God, I come to You through faith in the shed blood of Jesus on the cross and through faith in His resurrection. I now want to learn from my past and get healed of my past. Jesus, I wish to put my faith in the power of Your blood and start my journey of having forgiveness and healing from my past. Come now Lord Jesus and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Give me the power to search my heart and make a fearless inventory of myself. I trust You for this. Show me if it is to be a “list” or a “chronological” writing of my life. I trust Your power to help me. Your word says that I have the mind of Christ. I believe You will help me. In Jesus’ Name I pray.

**5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.** (James 5:16) [Psalm 32:3-5; 38:17-18; 40:11-13; 51:3-4; Luke 15:4-7; John 3:19-21; 1 John 1:8-10; 2:1-2]

**STEP 5 PRAYER (from the heart!!):** Father God, I come to You through faith in the shed blood of Jesus on the cross and through faith in His resurrection. I am ready to become totally honest before You, another human being, and myself. I believe this step will go a long ways in healing me and delivering me from my past. I know You have the right person for me and I know that You Lord never condemn me but love me and accept me unconditionally. Give me Your Power to go through this step and continue to allow You to set me free. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.

**6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.** (1 Peter 1:13-16) [Psalm 4:4-5; 16:7-11; 32:9-11; 139:23-24; Matthew 7:24-27; Acts 3:19; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 5:16-17]

**STEP 6 PRAYER (from the heart!!):** Father God, I come to You through faith in the shed blood of Jesus on the cross and through faith in His resurrection. Lord, You gave me the power to do my 5<sup>th</sup> Step and You were amazing!! Now Lord, I have seen the many defects I have as a human being. I have seen who I am when I don’t walk with You. Lord, I can see the defects I have (pride, selfishness, lust, self-righteousness, thinking too highly of myself, independence, blame, hatred, anger, fear, etc.). Lord, I believe as I repent of these that You can remove some of them instantly and some of them throughout my life as I humble myself before You. I now come before You and ask You to help me to become entirely ready to have You remove all these defects of character. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.

**7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.** (Psalm 34:4) [Psalm 10:17; 25:8-11; 32:1; 37:23-24; 51:10; Acts 3:19; Hebrew 12:5-11; 1 John 1:9; 5:14-15]

**STEP 7 PRAYER (from the heart!!):** Father God, I come to You through faith in the shed blood of Jesus on the cross and through faith in His resurrection. I now come before You and humbly ask You to remove all my defects of character. I start with my pride. Father God will You now come into my heart, remove my pride, and fill me with YOUR humility. Jesus You humbled Yourself even unto death – death on the cross. Come now and removed my pride and fill me with Your humility. (Do each one separately). In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.

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| <p><b>8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.</b> (Romans 2:1) [Psalm 133; Proverbs 10:12; 14:1; Matthew 6:14-15; Luke 6:37-38; Romans 12:17; 1 Corinthians 13]</p>  |
| <p><b>STEP 8 PRAYER (from the heart!!):</b> Father God, I come to You through faith in the shed blood of Jesus on the cross and through faith in His resurrection. I now come before You desiring to make things right with You and my fellow men and women. Lord, I have hurt people and I know that hurts You. Help me to make a list of everyone I have harmed. Now Lord will You help me to become willing – willing to make amends to them all. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.</p>  |
| <p><b>9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.</b> (Matthew 5:23,24) [Psalm 51:14-17; 90:17; Proverbs 12:18-20; Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:27-30; Philippians 1:9-11; 1 Peter 1:22]</p>   |
| <p><b>STEP 9 PRAYER (from the heart!!):</b> Father God, I come to You through faith in the shed blood of Jesus on the cross and through faith in His resurrection. I am sensing You are leading me to go talk to _____ and make amends. I know I don’t have to worry about how they respond. I am doing this for You and for myself. Now Lord, give me the power and the words to say. Lord, show me people who I should not go see if it will injure them or harm others. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.</p>  |
| <p><b>10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.</b> (Romans 12:3) [Psalm 24:3-5; 101:2-4; Matthew 5:8; Luke 6:41-42; Romans 12:16; 16:19-20; Galatians 4:9; Colossians 3:1-3]</p>  |
| <p><b>STEP 10 PRAYER (from the heart!!):</b> Father God, I come to You through faith in the shed blood of Jesus on the cross and through faith in His resurrection. Lord, I know if I don’t keep my life clean before You that I can fall back into my old way of life. Father I have learned so much from Steps 5-7 and I wish to walk daily in Your power and Holy Spirit. Give me power to daily watch my life, actions, and words. Help me to take a daily personal inventory of myself and when I’m wrong to promptly admit it. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.</p>  |
| <p><b>11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.</b> (Philippians 4:6,7) [Psalm 1:1-3; Proverbs 3:5-6; Matthew 5:6; Luke 6:20-26; John 3:30; John 8:31-32; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15]</p>   |
| <p><b>STEP 11 PRAYER (from the heart!!):</b> Father God, I come to You through faith in the shed blood of Jesus on the cross and through faith in His resurrection. I wish to know You more and grow in You more. Teach me to pray daily and to meditate on Your Word so I can know You and Your will for my life. Lord as You reveal Your will for me please give me Your Power to carry it out. In Jesus’ Name.</p>  |
| <p><b>12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.</b> (Matthew 5:16) [Psalm 96:1-2; Mark 5:18-20; Luke 12:35-40; John 4:34-36; 16:33; Romans 1:14-17; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20]</p>   |
| <p><b>STEP 12 PRAYER (from the heart!!):</b> Father God, I come to You through faith in the shed blood of Jesus on the cross and through faith in His resurrection. Father, You have been so gracious to me. Thank You for what You have done in my life. I am grateful and thankful!! Father, we have become united and I have learned so much. Father, will You send people into my life that I can share what I was like and what You’ve done in my life. People I can take to a Bible Study or a meeting. Help me to remain humble. Now Father, will You help me to practice the 12-Steps in my life. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.</p> |

# GUIDELINES FOR STEP 4 & 5

## STEP FOUR:

- a) Pray the following prayer before writing your Step 4:

*Father God, I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ your Son. I thank you that I am your child and that you love me deeply and dearly. I come to you through the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross. Thank you Jesus for dying for me. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts. Point out anything you find in me that makes you sad, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. (Psalm 139:23,24)*

- b) Write your past biography. Write the incidents that were negatively done to you as well as the negative things you did to God, others, and yourself. You can do this chronologically if you wish. This can be done in one session or more. God will lead you.

## STEP FIVE:

- a) Take your Step 4 to a trained, spiritually mature, and committed Christian who understands Step 5.. They should not be a gossip. A male/male or female/female relationship is essential. A few sessions may be needed.

- b) With the person, start with prayer. Then begin to share your Step 4 to them. After each incident, use one of the following prayers as a guideline:

### **EXTENDING FORGIVING**

*Father, I come to You through the Blood of Jesus. Thank You for Your love and forgiveness in my life. Lord, when (tell what happened and how you felt). Lord, you ask me to forgive (the person's name) [Matthew 18:21-35; Matthew 5:21-2]). So Lord as an act of obedience I forgive them. Lord, what they did was wrong – it was sin. But I choose to forgive the sinner. I want them to be set free so I give them to You. I release them and lay them at the foot of the Cross of Jesus Christ. Now, come and remove the pain from my life. Remove the feelings of (bitterness, anger, resentment, etc.). Forgive me for what I have held in my heart for all these years. Thank You for Your forgiveness. Now Lord, I ask you to bless this person. To work in their life and guide them. Thank You for this time of healing today. Lord, I love You and ask You for Your power to continue to forgive. I know forgiveness is a choice and not a feeling. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

### **ASKING FORGIVENESS**

*Father, I come to You through the Blood of Jesus. Thank You for Your love and forgiveness in my life. Lord, when (tell what you did and how you felt then and now). Lord, I ask You to forgive me for my (selfishness, deceit, dishonesty, etc.). I ask You to now come and work in that person's life in a mighty way. Open up the doors for Your love, healing, and forgiveness in their life. I am truly sorry. Lord, when the time is right and appropriate, give me the wisdom and power to make this right with this person. I thank You Lord for Your forgiveness and Your shed blood at the Cross of Calvary. You are an amazing God. Now, come and fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I can serve You in Your Power and Grace. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

### AFTERCARE

- a) For aftercare, when you are finished Step 5, read Romans Chapters 6 to 8 for thirty days straight. You should also meditate on verses that speak of God's love to you. Continue to "FORGIVE". Forgiveness is a choice. The "feelings" will come later.
- b) Eat properly, rest, and exercise. Also, reach out to someone in love.
- c) Continue to do your Steps. Continue to reinforce Steps 1-3 and move on to Steps 6-9.

**[For more info. see: Christians in Recovery, Inc. at: <http://christians-in-recovery.com/>]**

**HIMSELF**  
by **A. B. Simpson**

**Albert Benjamin Simpson** (1843-1919) was one of the most important Christian workers of his day. He was an ardent soul-winner and was active in raising up new believers and in training Christian workers. He began his service as a Presbyterian minister, but later resigned after realizing the inherent frustrations in trying to serve the Lord within the denominational framework. He wrote over 70 books on the Bible and the Christian life. His many hymns and poems are full of inspiration and truth. He was the founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

I wish to speak to you about Jesus, and Jesus only. I often hear people say, "I wish I could get hold of Divine Healing, but I cannot." Sometimes they say, "I have got it." If I ask them, "What have you got?" the answer is sometimes, "I have got the blessing", sometimes it is, "I have got the theory"; sometimes it is, "I have got the healing"; sometimes, "I have got the sanctification." But I thank God we have been taught that it is not the blessing, it is not the healing, it is not the sanctification, it is not the thing, it is not the it that you want, but it is something better. It is "the Christ"; it is Himself. How often that comes out in His Word - "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses", Himself "bare our sins in his own body on the tree"! It is the person of Jesus Christ we want. Plenty of people get the idea and do not get anything out of it. They get it into their head, and it into their conscience, and it into their will; but somehow they do not get Him into their life and spirit, because they have only that which is the outward expression and symbol of the spiritual reality. I once saw a picture of the Constitution of the United States, very skillfully engraved in copper plate, so that when you looked at it closely it was nothing more than a piece of writing, but when you looked at it at a distance, it was the face of George Washington. The face shone out in the shading of the letters at a little distance, and I saw the person, not the words, nor the ideas; and I thought, "That is the way to look at the Scriptures and understand the thoughts of God, to see in them the face of love, shining through and through; not ideas, nor doctrines, but Jesus Himself as the Life and Source and sustaining Presence of all our life."

I prayed a long time to get sanctified, and sometimes I thought I had it. On one occasion I felt something, and I held on with a desperate grip for fear I should lose it, and kept awake the whole night fearing it would go, and, of course, it went with the next sensation and the next mood. Of course, I lost it because I did not hold on to Him. I had been taking a little water from the reservoir, when I might have all the time received from Him fullness through the open channels. I went to meetings and heard people speak of joy. I even thought I had the joy, but I did not keep it because I had not Himself as my joy. At last He said to me - Oh so tenderly - "My child, just take Me, and let Me be in you the constant supply of all this, Myself." And when at last I got my eyes off my sanctification, and my experience of it, and just placed them on the Christ in me, I found, instead of an experience, the Christ larger than the moment's need, the Christ that had all that I should ever need who was given to me at once, and for ever! And when I thus saw Him, it was such rest; it was all right, and right for ever. For I had not only what I could hold that little hour, but also in Him, all that I should need the next and the next and so on, until sometimes I get a glimpse of what it will be a million years afterwards, when we shall "shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of our Father" (Matt. 13: 43), and have "all the fullness of God."

And so I thought the healing would be an it too, that the Lord would take me like the old run-down clock, wind me up, and set me going like a machine. It is not thus at all. I found it was Himself coming in instead and giving me what I needed at the moment. I wanted to have a great stock, so that I could feel rich; a great store laid up for many years, so that I would not be dependent upon Him the next day; but He never gave me such a store. I never had more holiness or healing at one time than I needed for that hour. He said: "My child, you must come to Me for the next breath because I love you so dearly I want you to come all the time. If I gave you a great supply, you would do without Me and would not come to Me so often; now you have to come to Me every second, and lie on My breast every moment."

He gave me a great fortune, placed thousands and millions at credit, but He gave a cheque-book with this one condition, "You never can draw more than you need at the time." Every time a cheque was wanted, however, there was the name of Jesus upon it, and so it brought more glory to Him, kept His name before the heavenly world and God was glorified in His Son.

I had to learn to take from Him my spiritual life every second, to breathe Himself in as I breathed, and breathe myself out. So, moment by moment for the spirit, and moment by moment for the body, we must receive. You say, "Is not that a terrible bondage, to be always on the strain?" What, on the strain with one you love, your dearest Friend? Oh, no! It comes so naturally, so spontaneously, so like a fountain, without consciousness, without effort, for true life is always easy, and overflowing.

And now, thank God, I have Him, not only what I have room for, but that which I have not room for, but for which I shall have room, moment by moment, as I go on into the eternity before me. I am like the little bottle in the sea, as full as it will hold. The bottle is in the sea, and the sea is in the bottle; so I am in Christ, and Christ is in me. But, besides that bottleful in the sea, there is a whole ocean beyond; the difference is, that the bottle has to be filled over again, every day, evermore.

Now the question for each of us is not "What think you of Bethshan, and what think you of divine healing?" but "What think you of Christ?" There came a time when there was a little thing between me and Christ. I express it by a little conversation with a friend who said, "You were healed by faith." "Oh, no," I said, "I was healed by Christ." What is the difference? There is a great difference. There came a time when even faith seemed to come between me and Jesus. I thought I should have to work up the faith, so I labored to get the faith. At last I thought I had it; that if I put my whole weight upon it, it would hold. I said, when I thought I had got the faith, "Heal me." I was trusting in myself, in my own heart, in my own faith. I was asking the Lord to do something for me because of something in me, not because of something in Him. So the Lord allowed the devil to try my faith, and the devil devoured it like a roaring lion, and I found myself so broken down that I did not think I had any faith. God allowed it to be taken away until I felt I had none. And then God seemed to speak to me so sweetly, saying, "Never mind, my child, you have nothing. But I am perfect Power, I am perfect Love, I am Faith, I am your Life, I am the preparation for the blessing, and then I am the Blessing, too. I am all within and all without, and all for ever." It is just having "Faith in God" (Mark 11: 22). "And the life I now live in the flesh, I live," not by faith on the Son of God, but "by the faith of the Son of God" (Gal. 2 20). That is it. It is not your faith. You have no faith in you, any more than you have life or anything else in you. You have nothing but emptiness and vacuity, and you must be just openness and readiness to take Him to do all. You have to take His faith as well as His life and healing, and have simply to say, "I live by the faith of the Son of God." My faith is not worth anything. If I had to pray for anyone, I would not depend upon my faith at all. I would say, "Here, Lord, am I. If you want me to be the channel of blessing to this one just breathe into me all that I need." It is simply Christ, Christ alone.

Now, is your body yielded to Christ for Him thus to dwell and work in you? The Lord Jesus Christ has a body as well as you only it is perfect; it is the body, not of a man, but of the Son of man. Have you considered why He is called the Son of man? The Son of man means that Jesus Christ is the one typical, comprehensive, universal, all-inclusive Man. Jesus is the one man that contains in Himself all that man ought to be all that man needs to have. It is all in Christ. All the fullness of the Godhead and the fullness of a perfect manhood has been embodied in Christ, and He stands now as the summing-up of all that man needs. His spirit is all that your spirit needs, and He just gives us Himself. His body possesses all that your body needs. He has a heart beating with the strength that your heart needs. He has organs and functions redundant with life, not for Himself, but for humanity. He does not need strength for Himself. The energy which enabled Him to rise and ascend from the tomb, above all the forces of nature, was not for Himself. That marvellous body belongs to your body. You are a member of His body. Your heart has a right to draw from His heart all that it needs. Your physical life has a right to draw from His physical life its support and strength, and so it is not you, but it is just the precious life of the Son of God. Will you take Him thus today, and then you will not be merely healed, but you will have a new life for all you need, a flood of life that will sweep disease away, and then remain a fountain of life for all your future need. Oh, take Him in His fullness.

It seems to me as if I might just bring you a little talisman today, as if God had given me a little secret for everyone here and said to me, "Go and tell them, if they will take it, it will be a talisman of power wherever they go, and it will carry them through difficulty, danger, fear, life, death, eternity." If I could stand on this platform and say, "I have received from heaven a secret of wealth and success which God will give freely, through my hand, to everybody who will take it," I am sure you would need a larger hall for the people who would come. But, dear friends, I show you in His Word a truth which is more precious. The Apostle Paul tells us that there is a secret, a great secret which was hidden from ages and from generations (Col. 1: 26), which the world was seeking after in vain, which wise men from the East hoped they might find, and God says it "is now made manifest to his saints"; and Paul went through the world just to tell it to those that were able to receive it; and that simple secret is just this "Christ in you the hope of glory."

The word "mystery" means secret; this is the great secret. And I tell you today, nay, I can give you, if you will take it from Him, not from me-I can give you a secret which has been to me, oh, so wonderful! Years ago I came to Him burdened with guilt and fear; I tried that simple secret, and it took away all my fear and sin. Years passed on, and I found sin overcoming me and my temptations too strong for me. I came to Him a second time, and He whispered to me, "Christ in you," and I had victory, rest and blessing.

Then the body broke away in every sort of way. I had always worked hard, and from the age of fourteen I studied and labored and spared no strength. I took charge of a large congregation at the age of twenty-one; I broke down utterly half a dozen times and at my last constitution was worn out. Many times I feared I should drop dead in my pulpit. I could not ascend any height without a sense of suffocation, because of a broken-down heart and exhausted nervous system. I heard of the Lord's healing, but I struggled against it. I was afraid of it. I had been taught in theological seminaries that the age of the supernatural was past, and I could not go back from my early training. My head was in my way, but at last when I was brought to attend "the funeral of my dogmatics," as Mr. Schrenck says, "the Lord whispered to me the little secret, 'Christ in you'; and from that hour I received Him for my body as I had done for my soul. I was made so strong and well that work has been a perfect delight. For years I have spent my summer holiday in the hot city of New York, preaching and working amongst the masses, as I never did before; besides the work of our Home and College and an immense mass of library work and much besides. But the Lord did not merely remove my sufferings. It was more than simple healing. He so gave me Himself that I lost the painful consciousness of physical organs. That is the best of the health He gives. I thank the Lord that He keeps me from all morbid, physical consciousness and a body that is the object of anxious care, and gives a simple life that is a delight and a service for the Master, that is a rest and joy.

Then, again, I had a poor sort of a mind, heavy and cumbrous, that did not think or work quickly. I wanted to write and speak for Christ and to have a ready memory, so as to have the little knowledge I had gained always under command. I went to Christ about it, and asked if He had anything for me in this way. He replied, "Yes, my child, I am made unto you Wisdom." I was always making mistakes, which I regretted, and then thinking I would not make them again; but when He said that He would be my wisdom, that we may have the mind of Christ, that He could cast down imaginations and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ, that He could make the brain and head right, then I took Him for all that. And since then I have been kept free from this mental disability, and work has been rest. I used to write two sermons a week, and it took me three days to complete one. But now, in connection with my literary work, I have numberless pages of matter to write constantly besides the conduct of very many meetings a week, and all is delightfully easy to me. The Lord has helped me mentally, and I know He is the Saviour of our mind as well as our spirit.

Well, then, I had an irresolute will. I asked, 'Cannot you be a will to me?' He said, "Yes, my child, it is God who worketh in you to will and to do." Then He made me to learn how and when to be firm, and how and when to yield. Many people have a decided will, but they do not know how to hold on just at the proper moment. So, too, I came to Him for power for His work and all the resources for His service, and He has not failed me.

And so I would say, if this precious little secret of "Christ in you," will help you, you may have it. May you make better use of it than I! I feel I have only begun to learn how well it works. Take it and go on working it out, through time and eternity-Christ for all, grace for grace, from strength to strength, from glory to glory, from this time forth and even for evermore.

### **HIMSELF**

**by A. B. Simpson**

Once it was the blessing, Now it is the Lord;  
Once it was the feeling, Now it is His Word.  
Once His gifts I wanted, Now the Giver own;  
Once I sought for healing, Now Himself alone.  
Once 'twas painful trying, Now 'tis perfect trust;  
Once a half salvation, Now the uttermost.  
Once 'twas ceaseless holding, Now He holds me fast;  
Once 'twas constant drifting, Now my anchor's cast.  
Once 'twas busy planning, Now 'tis trustful prayer;  
Once 'twas anxious caring, Now He has the care.  
Once 'twas what I wanted, Now what Jesus says;  
Once 'twas constant asking, Now 'tis ceaseless praise.  
Once it was my working, His it hence shall be;  
Once I tried to use Him, Now He uses me.  
Once the power I wanted, Now the Mighty One;  
Once for self I labored, Now for Him alone.  
Once I hoped in Jesus, Now I know He's mine;  
Once my lamps were dying, Now they brightly shine.  
Once for death I waited, Now His coming hail;  
And my hopes are anchored, Safe within the veil.

**JESUS LOVES  
YOU!!!**