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All of Grace



Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

Study Guide AOG

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Course Instructions *(detailed instructions in Appendix 3)*

The reading material for this course consists of the book provided with this study guide: *All of Grace*.

Before each lesson: pray for God to give a teachable heart and understanding.
Begin the lesson by reading the related chapter in the book provided.



Answer the questions for the corresponding lesson in this study guide.

Use the required answer sheet format, putting your name and course information on each sheet (sample after the Table of Contents). Use any standard note paper (or the answer booklets if provided).

Try to be as clear and concise as possible.

Please do not rush! Meditate on what God wants you to learn.

Don't go to the next question until completing the current one.

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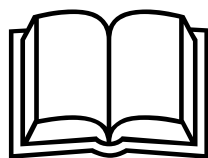
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Your answer sheets are returned to you after review.

Keep all materials and returned answers together for future reference.

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Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892) wrote *All of Grace* in 1886, and it quickly became his most read book after its printing in June. It remains so to this day.

This study course carries the author's original subtitle: "an earnest word to those who are seeking salvation." It draws the reader through a step-by-step revelation of the beauties of God's salvation, all by grace through faith. In the earlier sections Spurgeon lays out clearly how God justifies the *ungodly*. Then in three insightful chapters, he deals with doubts and hindrances, so that the sincere reader is brought to a place of complete dependence upon a mighty, loving, and merciful God for his salvation from sin.

The 10 lessons point the reader back to the Scriptures and to Spurgeon's concise explanations. The earnest seeker is brought to solid understanding of the gospel, and his responsibility to turn to God. The course is also useful to the experienced believer, in order to better communicate with others, and for much assurance and confidence in our God. As Spurgeon says it:

My last word is, submit yourself to God! Prejudice or pride is at the bottom of this unbelief. May the Spirit of God take away your enmity and make you yield. You are a rebel, a proud rebel, and that is why you do not believe your God. Give up your rebellion; throw down your weapons; yield at discretion, surrender to your King. I believe that never did a soul throw up its hands in self-despair, and cry, "Lord, I yield," but what faith became easy to it before long. It is because you still have a quarrel with God, and resolve to have your own will and your own way, that therefore you cannot believe. "How can ye believe," said Christ, "that have honor one of another?" Proud 'self' creates unbelief. Submit, O man. Yield to your God, and then shall you sweetly believe in your Savior. May the Holy Ghost now work secretly but effectually with you, and bring you at this very moment to believe in the Lord Jesus! Amen.

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Question Answer

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This Study Guide is based on the book *All of Grace*, by Charles H. Spurgeon.

Please answer the questions below from the information given in the book. Each chapter in the book corresponds to a lesson you are doing. For example, the information you need to answer the questions from the first part of lesson one in this Study Guide, is found in chapter one in the book. Before you begin the questions, please read the book's chapter for the lesson you are taking.

Each chapter in the book *All of Grace* has been divided into sub-sections, for easier reference by the student. *These chapter sub-sections are indicated by words marked with **bold** letters* (these are the only words in bold in the book). Sometimes the bold words appear in the middle of a paragraph, in which case the new sub-section starts at the beginning of that paragraph. [Note:the first section of a chapter always begins at the beginning of the chapter, and sometimes does not have a sub-section heading in the book.]

In this Study Guide, the same chapter sub-section headings from the book appear as lesson sub-headings, and are printed in italics.

Because several chapters in the book are covered in one lesson in this Study Guide, it is not necessary to complete an entire lesson in one sitting. We do suggest, however, to complete one section of a lesson in one sitting, ie, all the questions from one chapter in the book.

Please read slowly enough so you understand what you read. It is also always good to pray before each lesson, asking the LORD for wisdom to apply what you learn to your life, and to enable you to love Him with all your mind, heart, soul, and strength... for this is the first commandment (Mark 12:30).

Most questions simply ask for your response to the information in the text, and are intended to support a basic understanding of what is presented. For these you should use your own words, describing what the text has said, not necessarily quoting from the text itself.

Some questions go much deeper to ask you to think through principles, and to search out your own heart for practical application. Please make your

best effort to answer these, but please also realize there are no right or wrong answers. We are looking only for your best effort.

Lesson 1 The “Ungodly”

To You!

*Please read chapter 1 in the book; questions 1-3 apply to chapter 1. (Read the entire chapter **before** you begin answering the questions.)*

The object of this book (first section)

1. What is the objective (i.e., purpose) of this book? What do you think about this objective?

Very Important Note: We ask you to always use your own words in your answers. The answers to the Response questions are found in the textbook, but please do not merely quote the book for your answer. Rather, read what the text says, think about the meaning of what it says, and summarize its meaning in your own words for your answer. In this way, you will learn much more than simply a “search/find/quote” method for answering the questions.

The way to peace

2. What is the point of the story of the art-critic and the refreshing fountain, as it applies to your salvation?

Do you mean business?

3. Spurgeon asks “Will you not join me by looking up to God, and asking Him to bless you while you read?” What is your response to this? Are you seriously searching for truth in this study?

Whether newly searching for Christ, or already a true Christian, this study has value: to see the clear essentials for eternal life according to the Scriptures, to apply them to your own heart, and to learn how to communicate them to others.

What Are We At?

Please read chapter 2 in the book; questions 4-6 apply to chapter 2.

Salvation is all of grace

4. What have been your own impressions in the past, about whether salvation requires us to do something or to pay a price, as opposed to being “free, gratis, for nothing”?

Not come to make a demand

5. In this book:
 - a. What are we not talking about?
 - b. What are we talking about?
6. In order to benefit from reading this book, what does Spurgeon urge the reader to do?

God Justifies the Ungodly

Please read chapter 3 in the book; questions 7-17 apply to chapter 3.

Note: it is not necessary to complete an entire lesson in one sitting.

“To him that works not, but believes on Him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” - Romans 4:5

The ungodly? (first section)

7.
 - a. Have you thought before, that salvation was only for those who were good enough?
 - b. Why do many hold this to be true?
 - c. Why is it not true according to the Scriptures? Please write the reference and key point (in your own words) for each of the following:
 - Romans 3:10
 - Isaiah 64:6

By key point we refer to the meaning behind the words. Do not just copy the verse, but think over what the verse means in relation to the theme of the question. Write that meaning in your own words.

8. Why is it beyond man’s power to justify the *guilty*?
To “justify” means to ‘make right with God’, to remove all guilt.

To save sinners

9. a. What does it mean to be *ungodly*?
- b. Which of the author's examples of *ungodly* describe you?

Outward forms of religion

10. a. What are some examples of having outward forms of religion, and yet really being *ungodly*?
- b. How do these describe your own experience up until now?
11. In your own words, why is it that "it must be so--that the salvation of God is for those who do not deserve it"?
12. a. What is the reason that Spurgeon says he will not call the self-righteous to salvation?
- b. How does this apply to you?

Lost because you are a sinner?

13. a. Who is the law for, and what does it do for them? How does it do it?
- b. Who is the gospel for, and what does it do for them? How does it do it?

God is able and willing

14. What is God able and willing to do? Why?
15. In your own words, write the reference and key point (in your own words) for each of these Scriptures used in chapter 3:
 - a. Romans 4:5
 - b. Matthew 9:12
 - c. Luke 19:10
 - d. Psalms 103:11.

Note: By key point we mean: "key"—the phrase in the verse that relates to the topic at hand; "point"—do not merely rewrite the printed words; rather, tell in your own words what the text means, the basic meaning behind the words (a paraphrase).

16. Spurgeon concludes the chapter by saying: "Reader, do not rise from your seat till you have well considered this matter." Please re-read the last section of the chapter, "God is able and willing," and write your own thoughts: are you 'ungodly', and how do you see that this qualifies you for God's salvation?

Lesson 2 God Justifies—and Is Just

It Is God that Justifies

Please read chapter 4 in the book; questions 1-8 apply to chapter 4.

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

Nobody else but God would

1. How is God's response to the guilty different from the response of others?
2. Why will God not rest until He has justified those whom He has chosen? Use the key point from Romans 8:30 in your answer.

None but God could

3. a. Who is the only one who can forgive an offense toward a particular person? Why cannot others?
b. Why then can God forgive your sin, ie, who is your sin against?

He can do it to perfection

4. When God justifies you, what does He do with your sins?
5. Please read the story of the prodigal [rebellious] son in Luke 15:11-32. In your own words, what are some characteristics of the love of the Father as described here by Jesus?
6. How final is God's justification? In other words, once God has removed our sin, of what merit are the “roarings... of Satan and ungodly men”?

I was myself stricken down

7. Of what two things was Spurgeon equally sure (one before and one after his own justification)?
8. In your own words, write the reference and key point (in your own words) for each of these Scriptures used in chapter 4:
 - a. Romans 8:33

None but God could

- b. Psalms 51:4

He can do it to perfection

- c. Hebrews 8:12
- d. Micah 7:18
I was myself stricken down
- e. Isaiah 45:22
- f. John 3:18.

Just and the Justifier

Please read chapter 5 in the book; questions 9-17 apply to chapter 5.

“To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.” - Romans 3:26

Justify guilty men?

- 9. a. Have you come to hate your own sin, in the same way that Spurgeon describes hating his?
- b. Explain the dilemma that Spurgeon faced about God, when he was under conviction for his sin?

Doctrine of the atonement

- 10. Why is the doctrine of the atonement one of the surest proofs of the inspiration of Holy Scripture?

Through vicarious sacrifice

- 11. Why was the law of God more vindicated [justly satisfied] by the death of Christ, than it would have been if all transgressors had been sent to hell?
- 12. Spurgeon defines the atonement as:
 “The just Ruler dying for the unjust rebel,” and
 “Jesus has born the death penalty on our behalf... the just for the unjust,” and
 “God will spare the sinner because He did not spare His Son.”
 Please describe the *doctrine of the atonement* in your own words.
- 13. “There is more in the atonement by way of merit, than there is in all human sin by way of demerit.” Explain what this means to you personally regarding your salvation.

What is it to believe in Him

14. Please describe the difference between merely saying “Jesus is the Savior”, and trusting Him as “your Lord, your Master, your all.”
15. If you have truly trusted in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, why can you not be condemned to hell when you sin again?
16. In your own words, write the reference and key point for each of these Scriptures used in chapter 5:
Through vicarious sacrifice
 - a. Romans 5:12-14
 - b. Isaiah 53:5
 - c. Romans 5:8*What is it to believe in Him*
 - d. Romans 8:33-34.
17. What is your personal answer to Spurgeon’s question to you, “Now , poor soul! will you come into the lifeboat, just as you are?”

Lesson 3 Our Sin and God’s Grace

Concerning Deliverance from Sinning

Please read chapter 6 in the book; questions 1-5 apply to chapter 6.

Sin is a powerful foe (first section)

1.
 - a. Describe the struggles of the persons to whom Spurgeon has written this chapter.
 - b. Do these describe you?
 - c. Why is it such an impossible task for someone “to control by his own strength those boisterous powers which dwell within his fallen nature”?

My trouble is that I sin again

2. Why is it that “justification without sanctification would not be salvation at all”?

Note: 'Justification' means being made right with God when He grants salvation. 'Sanctification' is walking with Jesus and being set apart from a sinful lifestyle, i.e., becoming holy in God's eyes.

A new heart

3. a. What is the key point of Ezekiel 36:26?
b. What is the significance that God does it all?
c. What is meant by "a *new heart*"?
4. How does the illustration of 'the cat and the sow' apply to a person who is given a new heart?

Yield yourself up

5. In order to receive this new heart:
 - a. What is meant by "yield yourself up"?
 - b. What is the answer to "I cannot make this change"?

By Grace through Faith

Please read chapter 7 in the book; questions 6-9 apply to chapter 7.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." - Ephesians 2:8

The fountain-head (grace)

6. a. What are some of God's attributes which are included in His "grace"?
b. How would you define "God's grace"?

A channel (faith)

7. Using the illustrations of 'fountain-head' and 'channel', what is the difference in the roles that *grace* and *faith* play in our salvation?
8. a. Why are you warned not to be "looking to your own faith"?
b. What should you do instead? Why?
c. Have you done this personally?
9. In your own words, write the reference and key point for each of these Scriptures used in chapter 7:
The Fountain-head
 - a. 1 John 4:8

- b. Lam. 3:22
- c. John 6:44
A channel
- d. Heb. 12:1-2.

Lesson 4 Faith, What Is It?

Please read chapter 8 in the book; questions 1-11 apply to chapter 8.

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

To know

1. Why must some knowledge come before belief?
2. What are the basics that you should *know*, in order to come to salvation?

To believe

3. What are some of the things which saving faith *believes* are true?
4. What is the difference between “common faith” and “saving faith”?

To trust

5. Spurgeon calls us to “trust.” Use the commands he gives to describe what “trust” is.
6. At the end of this section in the paragraph beginning “Faith is not a blind thing...”, the author summarizes faith as consisting of *knowledge, belief, and trust*. Please paraphrase this summary in your own words.

Faith is...

Questions 7-9 deal with the meaning of each of the three phrases in Spurgeon’s statement:

*“Faith is believing...
that Christ is what He is said to be, and
that He will do what He has promised to do, and
then to expect this of Him.”*

7. What is meant by believing “that Christ is what He is said to be”?
8. What is meant by believing “that He will do what He has promised to do”?
9. What is meant by “then to expect this of Him”?

Do it

10. a. After some efforts to explain the true nature of saving faith, Spurgeon then says “Never mind distinctions and definitions.” Why?
 - b. What does he exhort you to do?
 - c. Have you done this personally? Why or why not?
11. In your own words, write the reference and key point for each of these Scriptures used in chapter 8:

Knowledge

- a. Romans 10:17
- b. Psalms 9:10
- c. 2 Cor. 5:19
- d. Gal. 3:13
- e. 2 Cor. 5:21

Faith is...

- f. Psalms 98:9
- g. Mark 5:36

Do it

- h. John 5:24.

Lesson 5 Saving Faith

How May Faith Be Illustrated?

Please read chapter 9 in the book; questions 1-7 apply to chapter 9.

Faith as eye, hand, mouth

1. In what way does each of the following illustrate faith:
 - a. the eye?
 - b. the hand?
 - c. the mouth?

Pursuits of life

2. In what way does each of the following illustrate faith:
 - a. the farmer
 - b. the merchant
 - c. the sailor
 - d. the goldsmith

Various degrees

3. How do limpets illustrate the effectiveness even of a simple faith?
'Limpets' are mollusks, tiny shelled sea creatures that attach themselves to rocks and piers near the seashore.

Superiority of the other

4. How is faith like one who trusts in the superiority of another?
This is illustrated in the blind man trusting his guide, and in the student trusting his teacher.

Grows out of love

5.
 - a. Describe the form of faith which grows out of love?
 - b. Why is this faith 'higher' than the others?

Root of obedience

6. Why is faith the "root of obedience"?

Assured knowledge

7. Describe the mature faith which arises out of assured knowledge?

Why Are We Saved through Faith?

Please read chapter 10 in the book; questions 8-11 apply to ch. 10.

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

Used as the receiver

8. Describe why God uses *faith* for us to receive salvation, using the child's hand as an example.

Gives all the glory to God

9. a. Why would God want to avoid man's good works in salvation?
- b. Why does faith exclude boasting?

A sure method, linking man with God

10. Use the illustration of the two men above the falls of Niagara, to describe faith as a 'sure link' to God. Why is this aspect of faith so important?

Creates peace and joy

11. a. What is there about faith that brings peace and joy, and an end to man's striving, frustration, worry, and anger?
- b. Which of the above characterizes your own reaction when things go wrong?

Lesson 6 Alas! I Can Do Nothing

Please read chapter 11 in the book; all questions apply to chapter 11.

Sense of inability

1. Spurgeon says: "It sometimes seems to the troubled heart that the simple gospel of 'Believe and live', is not, after all, so very simple; for it asks the poor sinner to do that which he cannot do. To the really awakened, but half instructed, there appears to be a missing link; yonder is the salvation of Jesus, but how is it to be reached? The soul is without strength, and knows not what to do."
To what degree do you feel personally this sense of inability to embrace Christ?
2. Please write the reference and key point for each of the Scriptures mentioned in this section:
 - a. Romans 7:18
 - b. Romans 5:6
 - c. John 15:5
 - d. Ephesians 2:5.
3. a. Is this lack of strength provided for in the plan of salvation? How (in your own words)?
b. What is the one thing the poor strengthless sinner has to do?

Insufficient strength to collect my thoughts

4. What is the solution offered for those who are not able (or not trained) to consider lengthy or complicated arguments?
5. a. “In due time Christ died for the ungodly when they were yet without strength.” What is the wonderful truth which lies behind these words, about the condition of the unsaved sinner; i.e., was the unsaved sinner “worth” saving or “utterly worthless”?
- b. Why is this good news?
- c. Now please personalize your answer to part a. Write it again substituting your own name: are/were <you> “worth” saving? Do you believe this?

Cannot repent sufficiently

6. If you sincerely are wanting to turn from sin, why is it wrong to think that you do not have enough of tears, groans and despair to be saved?
7. a. How does Spurgeon define *repentance*?
- b. What is the “main point” in repentance?
8. What is the solution, if you cannot repent as you would?
9. “Repentance will not make you see Christ; but to see Christ will give you repentance.” Explain what this means.

Tormented with horrible thoughts

10. What is the solution for those who have these horrible and unwanted thoughts?
11. a. Where do these thoughts come from?
- b. Why do they come?

Lack of power to believe

12. “Believing does not come by trying.” Explain why not.
13. What is the solution for those who feel they lack the faith to believe?

Cannot quit my sin

14. What is the solution for those who feel they cannot quit their sin?

15. “How can I live in sin when He [Jesus] has died to save me from it?” What is your personal answer to this question?

Cannot keep long in one mind

16. Wrong friends can influence you away from Jesus. What is the solution to this?

17. a. Of the reasons mentioned in this chapter (chapter 11) for not coming to Christ, which ones have you personally struggled with the most?

b. After reviewing this lesson, do you now believe that you can overcome the struggle? Why?

Lesson 7 Faith, Regeneration, and Christ

The Increase of Faith

Please read chapter 12 in the book; questions 1-7 apply to chapter 12.

How to increase faith

1. “The shortest way to believe is to believe.” Explain.

Prayer

2. How will prayer help the one who is sincerely seeking God?

Hear very frequently

3. To increase your faith, what must you hear frequently?

Testimony of others

4. Are there Christians around you who are testifying to what God has done in their lives? Are you listening to them?

Note: it is important that you believe according to the Bible. In these days, there are many who distort God’s truth, and either add to or take away from the Bible itself. Therefore, please always match what you are being told, with the Scriptures themselves. Ask those you are with, to show you in the Bible where it says what they say. Then ask God to lead you into all truth. Seek out teachers who believe that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God (ie, without error).

Note the authority

5. What is the main point of the story about the foreman and the factory owner? How does it apply spiritually?

Think it over

6. What is it that you have to believe, in order to be saved?

Submit yourself

7.
 - a. What is at the bottom of unbelief? Why?
 - b. What does Spurgeon commend you to do?
 - c. Have you done this? If not, why not?

Regeneration and the Holy Spirit

Please read chapter 13 in the book; questions 8-9 apply to chapter 13.

“Ye must be born again.” - John 3:7

Not in the creature’s power

8. Please read again John 3:3, and John 3:14-15,18.
 - a. What is the key point of 3:3?
 - b. What is the key point of 3:14-15,18?
 - c. What *apparent* ‘contradiction’ exists between these verses?
 - d. What is the resolution that Spurgeon provides?
 - e. Do you understand this? If not, why not?

Work of the Holy Spirit

9. If a saving change of heart is the work of the Holy Spirit, is it right to refuse to believe and wait for God to work? Why?

Note: if you do not understand all the questions raised in this chapter, it is OK! Spurgeon says not to wait to “believe till you can understand all mysteries”, but rather to act on the faith that God has already given to you!

My Redeemer Lives

Please read chapter 14 in the book; questions 10-12 apply to ch. 14.

“My Redeemer liveth.” - Job 19:25

Lives eternally

10. Why is it important that Jesus is arisen from the dead and alive, rather than only having died for our sins?

Glory and power

11. a. Describe the glory and power which now belong to Jesus.
b. What should be the effect of this glory “upon every believer’s breast”?

On our account

12. What is your own reaction to the fact that Jesus uses all His exaltation and ability toward you personally, when He calls you to salvation?

Lesson 8 Repentance

Repentance Must Go with Forgiveness

Please read chapter 15 in the book; questions 1-7 apply to chapter 15.

“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.” - Acts 5:31

Repentance must go with remission

1. a. Why is it impossible “that pardon of sin should be given to an impenitent sinner”?
b. Do you agree? Explain your answer.

Completeness of divine mercy

2. Why would it be “superficial mercy” to forgive sin, and yet let the sinner live in it?

3. a. Have you known those who believe that they are saved from the penalty of sin, and yet continue in a sinful and selfish lifestyle (i.e., under the power of sin)?
b. Why does Spurgeon believe this is impossible?

Experience of all believers

4. Spurgeon says that:
 - 1) all who have truly repented, are forgiven; and
 - 2) all who are forgiven, have truly repented.Is there any possibility for a person to have one without the other? Explain your answer.

Act and react

5. Why is it that when we sense the full measure of our forgiveness (and the price in Christ's blood that was paid to secure it), we will abhor iniquity?

Mutual assurance

6. How can we know for certain that we are forgiven? What evidence will there be in our life of our being "a new creation"?

Flow from the same source

7. What does the Lord Jesus give to you in your salvation? What remains for you to do?

How Repentance Is Given

Please read chapter 16 in the book; questions 8-14 apply to ch. 16.

"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." - Acts 5:31

Jesus makes repentance: possible, available, acceptable

8. In what way(s) does Jesus make our repentance acceptable to God?

The Spirit of God

9. Why do we need the Holy Spirit to work repentance in us, versus our doing it on our own?

Consecrating all the works of nature and providence

10. a. What role do bad circumstances play in your salvation? Who controls all circumstances?
b. Do you believe this? Why?
11. Why does a loving God allow affliction in the lives of unbelievers who do not know Him?

At work at this hour

12. a. In what ways is Jesus Christ at work for the salvation of those He loves, even at this very hour?
b. In what ways are you availing yourself of these?

To the most unlikely people

13. a. What groups are mentioned as “the most unlikely people”, to whom the Lord Jesus Christ gives repentance? Describe each group’s ‘heart’.
b. Which of these groups do you fall into? Why do you say so?

Contemplation of the death of Christ

14. a. What will be the result of thinking upon “Jesus dying for you”?
b. Please take 30 minutes or so, in a quiet place alone, to think through the full impact of Jesus dying on the cross as your sin-substitute, paying the penalty for your sins, that you might be completely forgiven and have eternal life with God. Read Matthew 26:47 through 27:54.

When you have had this time, indicate so on your answer sheet. What did God say to your heart during this time?

Lesson 9 Fear and Assurance

The Fear of Final Falling

Please read chapter 17 in the book; questions 1-7 apply to chapter 17.

Temporary faith

1. What is a root cause of unbelief, for those who profess ‘belief’, but then turn back before long?
2. Describe the relationship between our source of strength for going on in the Christian life, and our source of strength in beginning the Christian life?
3.
 - a. What is the daily need of both the most advanced believers, and the most gifted of the saints?
 - b. Do their advanced positions or their gifts help them in persevering? Why?

From our own selves

4. How can those come to stability, who are constantly changing their minds or circumstances?

Feel our own weaknesses

5. Is it help or hindrance to believe that we are somehow ‘capable’ of living the Christian life? Explain.

Weariness

6.
 - a. Why is it normal to feel weary after some years in the Christian life?
 - b. When we feel weary, what is the actual situation from God’s perspective?

What a place we live in

7.
 - a. Why is the ‘world’ such a cruel place for some Christians?
 - b. What is the true believer’s aid against the world?

Confirmation (assurance of salvation)

Please read chapter 18 in the book; questions 8-14 apply to ch. 8.

“Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 1 Cor. 1:8

Already manifested

8. Why is divine confirmation only for those who are truly saved?

A work of the Spirit

9. How does the Spirit work in the believer's confirmation?

Unto the end

10. Please write the reference and key point of each of the following verses in this section:

- a. John 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.
- b. John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
- c. Jude 1:1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called.

11. What is your personal response to these verses?

Blameless

12. In relation to stumbling over sin, what should be the normal state of a true Christian? Why?

13. What does it mean to be kept “blameless”?

14. What is your personal reaction to this truth, that you are able to have an irreproachable character and walk in holiness?

Note: please do not be confused by the main point in this portion. Spurgeon is not saying that we will reach a place of sinless perfection. No, we all sin everyday. But we do not continually enjoy sin after salvation. The direction of our lifestyle will become more and more set apart from all forms of selfishness and worldliness. If we want to be saved from hell, but we still find ourselves enjoying a lifestyle of self-

seeking (evidenced by “hypocrisy, deceit, hatred, and delight in sin”), then it may be an indication that we have never truly turned from our sin, in order to turn to Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Lesson 10 God, and You!

Why Saints Persevere

Please read chapter 19 in the book; questions 1-5 apply to chapter 19.

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

God is faithful

1. a. On whose faithfulness does our perseverance depend: God’s or ours?
b. What is this fact’s significance to our ‘being kept to the end’?
2. In what ways is God faithful?

What God has done

3. All true believers will be “confirmed unto the end”. As it relates to this perseverance, please explain briefly the impact of each of the following things which “God has done”:
 - a. God has “called us”.
 - b. God has called us “into the fellowship of His Son”.
 - c. God has made us “one with Christ” (as members of the body of Christ).

One with Him

4. Explain more fully the illustration of our being “in partnership with Christ” (as if in the same company or business).
5. If you truly know Christ as Savior and Lord, what do you think about your own perseverance to the end?

Close

Before reading chapter 20 and answering the final questions, please make some extra time available. Schedule a quiet evening alone, without hurry or time pressure. Before starting, ask God to open your heart and mind more clearly to hear His word to you.

Please read chapter 20 in the book; questions 6-13 apply to ch. 20.

Have not followed

6. What are some possible reasons why a person would read this book, and then walk away without laying hold of the Lord Jesus Christ? (personal answer).

Have been led to trust the Lord

7. What final instruction does Spurgeon give to those who have trusted the Lord Jesus and received from Him salvation by grace alone?
8. Why is Spurgeon so careful that his readers would not try to embrace Christ by means of “trying to do their best”?

Are saved

9. What exhortation does he give “if you are saved yourself”? Why?

Do not go down!

10. What is your personal response to Spurgeon’s entreaty to “believe in Jesus now, with full and immediate decision”? (If you are tempted to delay, *please* do not!)
11. Of the different categories mentioned in this chapter, which one describes you the best? Why?
 - a. you have not followed or applied “to trust in Jesus”.
 - b. you have been led to trust the Lord for salvation during this study.
 - c. you were already saved before.
12. How has the Lord spoken to your heart while reading the book *All of Grace*? What are the main things that you have learned?
13. If you have not yet trusted Christ, what would it take for you to trust *your life* into His hands, completely and without reservation?

Please write now for your next course.

Now that you have completed this course, it is important to put into practice the new insights which the Lord has given you during your study. Spend some quiet time to think through the course, perhaps in re-reading the main headings and your notes.

Because we all tend to forget what we do not review, we suggest to review these main lessons daily for the next week, and at least once per week for the following month. In this way the key spiritual principles can begin to become a part of your life and practice.

Appendix One: Detailed Course Instructions

1. Procedure for Taking the Course

- a. *The reading material for this course consists of the reading text printed at the beginning of each lesson of this study guide.*
- b. *Before beginning to read, please pray for God's enabling to learn spiritually.*
- c. *Before you begin a lesson, please read the reading text completely.*
- d. *After reading the text, answer the related questions in this study guide. The lessons in this course are "open book," which often enhances learning by removing unnecessary pressure. In addition, some questions ask for a personal response, where the answer will not be found in the reading material. In this case, we ask only for your honesty and best effort.*
- e. *The questions are designed to be carefully thought through. Several of the questions are sensitive; they have to do with your heart attitudes. So please do not rush, or you will be defeating the purpose of the course! Answer all of the questions as honestly as you can. The answers are confidential.*
- f. *Do not go to the next question until you have answered the previous one.*

2. Answer pages

Try to be concise and as clear as possible in your answers. Please write or type your answers on regular 8.5 x 11 inch (A4 metric) paper, or on the preprinted answer sheets if provided. Please write clearly and neatly, and if possible print. Note each page with Lesson #, each answer with Question #, and skip a line between questions

3. Supplies

Paper, pen, and Bible are needed to complete your assignments. The King James Version is quoted, but you may use another version if you do not have a KJV.

4. Completion of Assignments

- a. *If taking this course with a local coordinator, please follow their instructions.*
- b. *If you are taking this course as **individual independent study** (non-graded), save your answer sheets for future reference. (Skip the below instructions 5 & 6).*

5. Only if Correspondent Study

- a. *Four months are allotted for the completion of this course. You may be granted an extension by contacting your course coordinator.*
- b. *Mail your answer sheets to your course coordinator: once after completing lessons 1 to 5, and again after lessons 6 to 10. Your lessons will be reviewed and returned as soon as possible. Only mail the answer sheets, not the questions. They will be graded and returned to you by regular mail. Please make sure you write your **name, student ID, course title, and lesson number** on each answer sheet. Please see the sample page after the Table of Contents at front. Headings should be in the following format:*

Your name student ID course AOG lesson number

6. Written Feedback (only if correspondent study)

Spiritual success is not measured by high grades, but by growth in Christ-likeness to God's glory. Therefore, the prime motivation in taking this course is to see God change your life. There are no letter or number grades such as "A" or "100" to be earned. The grader will offer comments or suggestions from Scripture in response to your answers. Some answers will have no comments because the answer is correct or personal.