Jesus’s Six Steps To Grace

Jesus in his preaching, and Paul in his letter to the Romans, both teach the necessity of six steps of obedience to God...

The passages below contain Paul's words in Romans, and the words of Jesus in the four gospels. Check them out in your own Bible.

1. Hearing Christ's word
   (Romans 10:8-17, Matthew 7:24).

2. Believing — having faith
   (Romans 1:16-17, John 3:16)

3. Repentance from sin
   (Romans 2:4-5, 6:1-2, Luke 5:31-32)

4. Confessing Christ
   (Romans 10:8-10, Matthew 10:32)

5. Being baptized
   (Romans 6:3-4, Mark 16:15-16)

6. Ongoing commitment

The God Who Cares and Answers Prayers

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The parables of the Friends at Midnight and the Persistent Widow illustrate how good and kind God is. These parables show that we need to seek his grace and help.

These two parables are interesting because Jesus illustrates God's kindness with stories of people who are reluctant and slow to help!

Jesus tells of a friend who is tucked up in bed and doesn't want to be disturbed. Jesus also tells of an unrighteous judge who finally gives a widow what she wants —only to stop her pestering him! (Luke 11:5-13, 18:1-8).

Of course Jesus does not mean that God is thus. Jesus is making a contrast. These reluctant and selfish ones are opposite in character to God. If they could be persuaded to answer a plea, how much more will our loving and willing heavenly Father answer our prayers? So Jesus is illustrating that we should keep on asking of him, and seeking him, for he will not turn us away.