Paul’s Six Steps To Grace

Paul in his letter to the Romans, teaches the necessity of six steps of obedience to the good news preached by Jesus...

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

A Far Higher Standard

Sermon on the Mount, Lesson 6
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In Matthew 5:20-22, Jesus begins a series of statements that have this pattern: "You have heard... but I say to you..."

Jesus meant that the old fashioned, long-taught rules of righteousness, which the scribes and the Pharisees strictly followed, were not good enough for the kingdom of God.

He was setting a new and much higher standard to follow.

Even the standard for the second greatest commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself", has been raised.

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you" (Jhn 13:34; Mtt 22:34-40).

Instead of self being the standard, now it is Christ.