

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"The Invitation"

Revelation 22:17-21

INTRODUCTION:

1. LAST WEEK: We said now is the time to get your PRIORITIES right!!

- a) HEED THE WORD
- b) WORSHIP INTENTIONALLY
- c) WITNESS VIGOROUSLY
- d) SERVE (Work) PASSIONATELY
- e) WATCH WITH ANTICIPATION

2. Vs 17

- a) It could not be more appropriate that the invitation to come to Christ, comes where it does, @ the end of the Bible and the book of Revelation.

3. In Vs 17, John gives a final INVITATION.

- a) First - *"the Spirit and the Bride and the Bride say, "Come!"*
- b) And Then *"And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price."* (freely)

4. Vs 20 KJV

- a) **WOW!!!** Are you praying, *"Even so, come Lord Jesus."*

5. Revelation 1:3

- a) *"Blessed is he..."*

6. If that is so, we should be responding by praying for the Lord's return.

- a) **John 20:29**

7. LISTEN UP: The very best thing that could happen to us as believers is for Jesus to return today.

- a) *"Even so, come Lord Jesus"*

8. Vs 17

- a) *Are you thirsty?*

1) Then come and come and drink of the water of life *"freely"*.

- b) When we send missionaries out here @ Home as well around the world, they are delivering a simple Gospel message to all who thirst.

THIS PASSAGE GIVES US FOUR KEY COMPONENTS ABOUT THE GOSPEL INVITATION

I. THE REASON PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

1. The reason anyone comes to Christ is - **"They are thirsty!!!"**
2. ***Ecclesiastes 3:11***
3. All human beings are born with a vacuum, an empty place in their lives, which can only be filled with living water.
4. **VERY IMPORTANT:** When a lost person comes in contact with someone who loves the Lord, that thirst intensifies, and they realize it as **SPIRITUAL THIRST**.
5. **NOTICE WHAT JESUS SAYS: *Matthew 5:13***
 - a) First of all - Thirst is a **Preservative**
 - b) But it also **creates thirst**.
6. The reason we emphasize godliness and purity, and commitment, and walking in truth is:
 - a) First of all, out of **obedience to Christ**.
 - b) But when we do that, we so **distinguish ourselves from the world**, that when they see our lives, they become thirsty for living water.

II. THE RESTRICTIONS ON RECEIVING THE GOSPEL

1. There are NONE.
2. **Vs 17**
 - a) **"Let the one who desires."**
 - 1) All those who desire!!!! ALL
3. **WHO CAN COME TO CHRIST?**
 - a) **ANYONE** who wants their thirst quenched forever!!
4. There are those who would say that the only people who get saved are the elect.
 - a) The balance view - God's saving love is for all people.
 - b) **John 3:16**
 - 1) God's offer of Salvation is for everyone.
 - 2) Christ died for all humankind, and God wants all people to be saved.
 - 3) His grace, however, is not, irresistible, it is persuasive but not coercive.
 - 4) Those who accept Christ are saved, and those who reject Him are lost.
 - c) **Acts 10:34-35**

d) *2 Peter 3:9*

e) *John 17:30*

5. There are thirsty people all over the world.

a) AND there's no shortage of opportunity to be salt to create thirst and then offer **Living Water of the Gospel**.

6. *Romans 10:13*

a) *"For whosoever"*

III. KEY COMPONENT #3 - THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE RECEIVING THE GOSPEL

1. Vs 17 KJV

a) *"And whosoever will"*

2. Vs 17 ESV

a) *"let the one who desires take"*

3. **Where does a person get saved?**

a) **In our mind?**

1) Does a person just gather information, and then he/she is saved?

2) Is it a matter of education?

b) **Is it through our emotions?**

1) Because feeling can deceive.

c) **All parts of our person are important to becoming a Christian.**

4. **VERY IMPORTANT:** We are saved in our WILL.

a) Vs 17

1) *"And whosoever will"* KJV

2) *"let the one who desires take"* ESV

b) *John 7:37-38*

IV. KEY COMPONENT #3 - THE BELIEVING SINNER MUST RESPOND

1. Vs 17

a) *"Let the one who desires take the water of life without price (freely)".*

2. The only thing a thirsty person has to do is reach out and take the water.

3. *Ephesians 2:8-9*

a) *"gift"*

4. If there was a human way you could merit salvation or recommend yourself to God, do you think He would have paid the high price He did?

a) God sent Jesus into this world because there wasn't anything we could do about our predicament.

b) *Ephesians 2:1-7*

CONCLUSION:

1. We have only one requirement!!

a) *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."*

b) *Romans 10:13*

2. Vs 17

a) *"let the one who desires take the water of life"*

3. **FOUR KEY COMPONENTS TO SALVATION**

a) You have to be Thirsty

b) There are no Restrictions

c) It's a matter of the Will

d) You have to Reach out and Take it