

## The Great Invitation

Revelation 22:10-22

### Introduction:

- A. The contents of Revelation (1:10)
1. John was not to s\_\_\_\_\_ it up but to reveal it
  2. The reason for revealing the contents was because the time is n\_\_\_\_\_ from John's standpoint (see same phrase in 1:3)
    - a. The Greek word translated as "time" refers to a s\_\_\_\_\_ of time (e.g. harvest time) as opposed to a measurement of time.
    - b. The season of fulfilment begins when the first prophecy of the future that John recorded is f\_\_\_\_\_.
    - c. From John's standpoint this season was near, but from our standpoint it is h\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The return of Christ (1:11,12)
1. The contrast of l\_\_\_\_\_ will continue in the world up to the point of Christ's return (wrong and filthiness will be practiced, and righteousness and holiness will be practiced).
  2. Jesus is coming q\_\_\_\_\_ (the word can mean "soon" or "suddenly" and obviously means "suddenly") and it is important that we act now.
- C. Three entities are said to give the great invitation to c\_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.
1. The S\_\_\_\_\_ - refers to the Holy Spirit
  2. The B\_\_\_\_\_ - refers to the church
  3. The one who h\_\_\_\_\_ (see the end of every letter to the seven churches in Rev 2 and 3)
  4. There is a lesson to learn from the above concerning this great invitation.

### The d\_\_\_\_\_ responsibility – *The Spirit says, "Come"*

- A. Salvation is the w\_\_\_\_\_ of God
1. Jn 6:44 – no one can come to Christ unless the Father d\_\_\_\_\_ that person to Christ.
  2. Jn 16:8 – The Holy Spirit is the one who brings c\_\_\_\_\_ to a sinner's heart to the point of repentance.
  3. 2Cor 3:6 – the Spirit is the one who gives l\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Historical mistake – people taking God's role into their own hands.
1. Medieval times
    - a. Charlemagne warred with the Saxons to force them to become Christians or face ex\_\_\_\_\_.

b. Charlemagne bribed people with a w\_\_\_\_\_ shirt if they would submit to Christian baptism.

2. Modern times

a. Manipulating people to say the sinner's p\_\_\_\_\_

b. Pressuring people to be b\_\_\_\_\_ or to come to the front.

C. God's salvation plan

1. The end will not come until the g\_\_\_\_\_ is preached to every nation (literally, ethnicities or ethnic groups).

2. Jesus will save people from e\_\_\_\_\_ tribe, tongue, nation, and class of people who will all reign on the earth (Rev 5:9,10; 7:9)

3. The Spirit is actively saying, "C\_\_\_\_\_"

**The h\_\_\_\_\_ responsibility**

A. The Bride – the c\_\_\_\_\_’s responsibility

1. Matt 28:18-20 was a c\_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus gave to the entire church (make disciples of all the ethnic people of the world)

2. The Christian world that preaches the gospel (see 1 Cor 15:1-8) must c\_\_\_\_\_ in spreading that gospel to the all the people groups in the world.

B. The One who hears – the individual b\_\_\_\_\_’s responsibility

1. Every Christian has the responsibility to grab every opportunity to share Christ with the l\_\_\_\_\_ (2Pet 1:12)

a. This does not mean that you have to know all the a\_\_\_\_\_.

b. This only means that you have to know the g\_\_\_\_\_, which is the power of God for salvation (Rom 1:16)

2. Some common objections

a. How can Jesus be both God and man?

1) Rev 22:13 makes clear the d\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, where Jesus claims the same title as Yahweh (see Is 44:6).

2) Rev 22:16 makes clear the h\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, where He descended from king D\_\_\_\_\_.

3) Faith does not require us to know how He is but that He is! A\_\_\_\_\_ God's revelation!

b. How can a loving God have people punished for eternity?

1) Many reject the revelation of eternal punishment and so r\_\_\_\_\_ a God who punishes in this way.

- 2) Faith is not rejecting things that don't measure up to our concept of God but a \_\_\_\_\_ what God has revealed about Himself.
3. Since the divine responsibility is to s\_\_\_\_\_, and the church and individual believer's responsibility is to t\_\_\_\_\_, then a person's response must never be taken personally.
  - a. If they accept Christ, do not take the c\_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. If they reject Christ, do not take the b\_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:**

- A. The fact – one day Jesus will r\_\_\_\_\_
- B. The prerequisite – the g\_\_\_\_\_ must be preached to all the ethnic peoples of the world.
  - a. There are people who are t\_\_\_\_\_ for salvation (*let the one who is thirsty, come. Let the one who wishes, take the water of life without cost*).
  - b. What will we as a church do?
  - c. What will you as an individual believer do?