YOU'RE INVITED

(Rev. 22:12-17)

INTRODUCTION

Someone requests, "Please explain the invitation given at the close of the sermon."

"Invitation" - to ask to come somewhere or do something; to make request for.

This is a practical time to invite you to answer the gospel call or have you ask for prayers: we are all here to share your experience, to rejoice, to encourage and pray.

1. IT'S BIBLICAL TO INVITE YOU TO "COME"

(Matt. 11:28-30) "Come unto me ... Take my yoke ..."
(Rev. 22:16) "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come ... and whosoever will ..."
(Matt. 28:18-20) "... and teach all nations ..." Invite.
(Mark 16:15-16) "... preach the gospel to every creature ..." Invite.

2. EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED THE INVITATION TO "COME"

- (Acts 2:36-38) "... Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart ... what shall we do ... Repent, and be baptized every one of you ... "

 (v41) "Then they that gladly received the word were baptized ... "

 (v47) "... the Lord added to the church daily those that were saved."
- (Acts 8:12-13) "But when they believed Philip preaching ... they were baptized ... "
- (Acts 8:35-38) "... preached unto him Jesus ... what hinders me from being baptized? Philip said, If you believe with all your heart you may. He answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God ... they went down into the water ... and he baptized him."
- (Acts 16:14-15) "... she attended to the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household..."
- (Acts 16:30-34) "... said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house ... and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. ... rejoiced, believing in God with all his house."
- (Acts 18:8) "... and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized."
- Summary (putting it all together): 1) Hear the word of God. 2) Believe Jesus to be God's Son. 3) Repent. 4) Confess your belief that Jesus is God's Son. 5) Be baptized.
- Now that you are a Christian, having been born again, (1 Peter 2:2) "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

3. WILL YOU ANSWER THE INVITATION?