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AN INVITATION TO SALVATION

(Revelation 22:12 - 21)

INTRODUCTION

"Invitation" - to request participation in something; persuade to a course of action; will you come?

"Invitation hymn" - at the close of the sermon we sing a hymn of invitation or encouragement designed to exhort you to obey the gospel.

This provides you an opportunity to reflect on your relationship to God and to think about the invitation that has been given.

If you accepted the invitation (responded), we are blessed with the opportunity to rejoice with you in that decision and offer words of encouragement.

The rationale for an invitation: (Romans 5:6 - 11) "Christ died for us ... justified by His blood ... saved from wrath through Him ... been reconciled ... saved by His life ... also rejoice ... "

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

(Revelation 22:17) "the Spirit and the bride say, Come ... Come ... Come ...
Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

(Matthew 11:28-30) "Come to Me ... "

(Matthew 28:18-20) "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them ... "

(Mark 16:15-16) "Go into all the world ... "

(Luke 24:47) "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached ... "

2. EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO ACCEPTED THE "INVITATION"

1) (Acts 2:36 - 42, v47) "... Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart ...
Men and brethren, what shall we do? ... Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized ... "
(v41) "Then those who received his word were baptized ... "
(v47) "the Lord added daily those who were being saved."

2) (Acts 8:12-13) "they believed Philip preaching ... men and women were baptized"

3) (Acts 8:34-38) "... beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus ...
What hinders me from being baptized? Philip said, If you believe with all your heart,
you may ... I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God ... and he baptized him"

4) (Acts 16:14-15) "... Lydia ... to heed the things spoken by Paul.
And when she and her household were baptized ... "

5) (Acts 16:30-34) "... Sirs, what must I do to be saved? So they said, Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved ... Then they spoke the word of Lord to him ...
he and all his family were baptized ... he rejoiced, having believed in God ... "

6) (Acts 18:8) "many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized."

3. WILL YOU RESPOND TO THE INVITATION IN THE SAME MANNER?