

## The Invitation

Preach the Word! (2 Timothy 4:2)

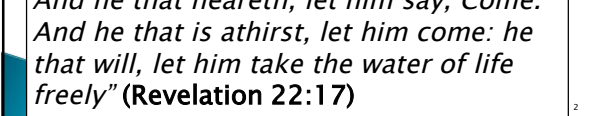


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### God Invites Sinners To Salvation

- ▶ Come to God for life.  
Isaiah 55:1-3
- ▶ Come to Jesus for rest.  
Matthew 11:28
- ▶ Bread of life and water of life.  
John 6:35; 7:37-38

*“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely” (Revelation 22:17)*




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Matthew 22:1-10

- ▶ All things are ready - Come to the feast
- ▶ Go into the highways ... invite. 22:9
- ▶ Through gospel preaching.  
1 Corinthians 1:23
  - Christ sent Saul to do this. Acts 26:17-20
  - Christ sends us to do the same thing today
  - The gospel invitation is an important part.




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### The Gospel Invitation Is Persuasive

- To be saved. Acts 2:40


*For “whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:13-14)*



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### The Gospel Invitation is Persuasive


- Help the lost know their sin and have faith in Jesus.  
Acts 17:3-4; 18:4
  - Boldness. Acts 19:8 (26)
  - Patience. Acts 28:23-24
- Help persuade the lost to become a Christian. Acts 26:27-29



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### The Gospel Invitation Is Persuasive

- Because of the terror of the Lord.  
2 Corinthians 5:11
  - Fearful thing. Hebrews 10:31
  - Consuming fire. Hebrews 12:29
  - Heaven and hell



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## The Gospel Invitation Is Personal

- To each individual. Acts 2:40–41
- Just ONE sinner repenting causes heaven to rejoice. Luke 15:10
- Gospel invitation applies to each person. Acts 17:30–31, 34

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## The Gospel Invitation Is Personal

- Must address the spiritual needs of the sinner. Acts 24:24–25
  - More than, “come if you have a need.”
  - Teach them what they need and what they must do about it! Acts 16:30–32

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## The Gospel Invitation is Practical

- Tell what must be done to be saved
  - Lost. Acts 9:6; 22:16
  - Sinning Christians. Acts 8:18–24
    - Identify the sin.
    - Rebuke and warn sinner.
    - Exhort obedience.

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## The Gospel Invitation Is Powerful

- Gospel is God’s power to save. Romans 1:16
- Acts 26:18
  - To open eyes.
  - To turn sinners from ...
    - Darkness to light
    - Power of Satan to God
- Forgiveness and inheritance through faith in Jesus

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## The Gospel Invitation

- To faith and confession of faith. Acts 8:37
- To repent. Acts 8:37–38; 8:22; 17:30
- To be baptized. Acts 2:38; 22:16
- To remain faithful. Acts 13:43; 2 Corinthians 7:1

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