

The Invitation Of The Lord

Acts 26:16-20

The Lord's Invitation

Central to Gospel Preaching

- Acts 2:37-40
- Acts 3:17-19. 26
- Acts 8:35-38
- Acts 10:47-48
- Acts 16:30-32
- Acts 18:8

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The Lord's Invitation

- Gospel **invitations** must continue to be heard. (*John 5:24-25; 6:45; Romans 10:13-14*)
 - “If you have a need, come forward and let it be known ...”
 - “If we can help you in any way, come forward ...”

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Gospel Preaching

- **Urgency**
- **Clarity**
- **Call to Obey**

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“Open Their Eyes”

(A call to know truth) Acts 26:18

- The invitation to come to Jesus to be saved is an invitation to come to a **knowledge of the truth.** *John 8:31-32; Matthew 11:28-29; 1 Timothy 2:3-4*
 - What must I know before I obey gospel?
 - Lost in sin? Jesus is Savior? Know His plan of salvation? Need to obey now! (*Acts 2:36-41; 2 Corinthians 6:2*)

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“That They May Turn”

(Call to conversion) Acts 26:18

- **“From darkness to light.”** *Ephesians 4:17-19*
 - Expose sin and error with the light of the gospel. *John 3:19-21*
- **“From the power of Satan to God.”** *Romans 6:23; Hebrews 2:14-15*
 - Solution to problem of your sin: Jesus Christ!

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“Receive Remission” (Reason and result)

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- Specifically obey the gospel plan of salvation
 - Hear the gospel. *John 6:44-45*
 - Believe in Jesus. *John 8:24; 20:30-31*
 - Confess your faith. *Romans 10:9-10*
 - Repent. *Acts 17:30; Acts 26:20*
 - Be baptized. *Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38*
 - Live faithfully. *Colossians 3:1-3*

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“And An Inheritance” (Motive to respond)

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- People must hear about the future:
 - Resurrection. *John 5:28-29*
 - Personal judgment. *2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Revelation 20:12-15*
 - Eternal destiny (heaven/hell). *Matthew 25:46*
- Christians have a living hope of an eternal inheritance. *1 Peter 1:3-4*

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Sanctification (by faith in Christ)

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- Obtain life from the death of sin by faith in Christ. *Romans 1:16-17*
- The call to holy living. *Romans 6:17-22*
- New way of life. *Galatians 2:20; Luke 9:57-62*

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Gospel-based
invitations to sinners:

Gospel Preaching

- Problem: Sin
- Solution: Christ
 - Duty: Obey
- Blessing: Salvation

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