

## COME TO JESUS NOW!!

*"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28)*

Are you burdened? Are the demands of life becoming unbearable? Are you anxious about the future? Have your plans been adversely affected by the circumstances around you? Has life itself lost its original meaning and hope for you? If your answer to any of these questions is "Yes", then your peace is under serious threat, and whatever rest you had hope to enjoy in life is becoming an illusion.

Nevertheless, there is good news for you today! Jesus Christ is inviting you to come to Him and obtain rest. This is a promise you can count on, for Jesus never fails! Your relatives, your close friends, your money, position and connections may fail you, but Jesus will always be there for you, whenever or wherever you need Him.

*"...And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matt. 28:20).*

In the world today, men are being plagued by all kinds of problems, trials and temptations. Financial empires are collapsing, giant industrial concerns are folding up, some men who once occupied very high positions in the society (royalties, heads of States, wealthy and influential personages) are facing such crucial situations as they never dreamt could befall them on earth, considering their enormous personal wealth, exalted positions and great influence in their negative communities.

It must be recalled at this point that from the time of Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, man has had to contend with

one problem or another, daily. In fact, there is nothing that happens to you today that has not happened to people before you. Similarly, there is nothing that happens to you today that will not happen to others after you. As long as the present system of things endures, man's problems will remain with him - economic difficulties, unemployment, poverty, environmental degradation, wars pestilences, drought, earthquakes, floods and other such calamities will persist. The Bible also tells us that lawlessness, pride, love of self, love of money, rebellion, violence, etc will prevail on earth and refers to them as signs of the last days (2 Tim. 3:1-5). The Lord Jesus Christ Himself has spoken concerning these things, and calls them *"the beginning of birth pains"* (Matt. 24:3-8). In the midst of them all however, He still speaks to us and invites us to come to Him.

*"...and whoever comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37).*

Come to Jesus **NOW** just as you are. Come in the assurance that He will receive you with open arms and with love. No matter how grievous you think your sins are, no matter how heavy your burden (guilt, sickness, fear, etc) may be, come to Jesus **NOW**, and obtain the peace (rest) He promises all who believe in Him.

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).*

Today, as always, Jesus is extending His gracious invitation to *"all...who are weary and*

*burdened"*, for it is only Him that we can find peace (rest). It must however, be pointed out here that the rest the Lord promises His followers does not necessarily imply the end of all effort on our part, for the Bible also tells us that:

*".... If a man will not work, he shall not eat" (2 Thes. 3:10).*

Nevertheless, it must be clearly stated, and with all applicable emphasis, that any life that is not surrendered to Jesus is lost both in this age and in eternity. Anyone who does not believe in Him stands condemned already, and *"whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him continually"* (John 3:36 Amplified). In other words, there is a curse on everyone who does not believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that He died for the sins of the world.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.....Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already..." (John 3:16, 18).*

The Bible tells us further that:

*"...God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).*

Faith in Jesus Christ and in what He did for us on the cross sets us free from all our burdens, and grants us peace with God here on earth and in eternity.

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*“so, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36).*

When you come to Jesus you will receive the freedom He alone can give to a burdened soul. You will be set free from the slavery of sin and the “freedom” comes the grace of the spiritual rebirth (or salvation), eternal life and the indwelling Holy Spirit. At this point you are said to have undergone a spiritual regeneration or the new birth. You are born again. You are now a child of God. You are now in Christ!!

These two Scripture passages speak of the immediate benefits that await anyone who decides to come to Jesus Christ and to be in Him:

*“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death”. (Rom. 8:1-2)*

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come”. (2 Cor. 5:17)*

Like any commitment, being in Christ has its responsibilities. Anyone who desires to be in Christ must:

- **Believe that He is the Son of God.**
- **Confess and repent of all known sins.**
- **Accept Jesus as his personal Saviour and Lord.**
- **Obey and live by His teaching and commandments.**

- **Remain and continue in faith in Him.**
- **Fellowship regularly with Christian believers.**

If you are ready to **COME TO JESUS NOW**, please say the following prayer aloud, sincerely meaning every word of it: -

**Father in heaven, I declare today, O Lord, that I believe in my heart:**

- **That Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**
- **That he died for my sins.**
- **That God raised Him from the dead for my justification.**
- **That He is returning soon to judge the world.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, I accept you into my life as my personal Lord and Savior. Deliver me from the bondage, and fill me with the Holy Spirit. Help me stand firm in the faith to the end, so that I will live and reign with you in glory.**

**Thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving me. Amen.**

### **NOTES:**

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