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THE LORD SAYS, "COME"

First, man is away from God.

Secondly, the reason for this separation ...SIN.

*"Behold, Jehovah's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear."*  
(*Isa 59:1-2*)

## THE INTELLIGENT INVITATION

*"Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."* (*Isa. 1:18*).

The gospel of Christ is an intelligent revelation. (*Mt. 28:18, 19*)

1. It makes no appeal to superstition, popular prejudices, and blind emotionalism, like false religions do.  
(*cf. Jno. 20:30-31*)
2. We "Walk by faith," a faith produced by the word of God (*Rom. 10:17*), and not by "cunningly devised fables" (*2 Pet. 1:16*). The gospel is both reasonable and right.

## THE TENDER INVITATION

*"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest".* (*Mt. 11:28*)

- Jesus, exceedingly sympathetic, and knowing the burdens and sorrows of man, extends rest to the weary and release from the bondage of sin.. *Heb. 4:14-16*
- As we read this invitation in its entirety it is seen to be two-fold in nature:
  - (1) Coming unto Christ, and then,
  - (2) Taking his yoke and learning of him.  
(*Mt. 11:28; 16:24-26*)

## HOW DO WE COME UNTO CHRIST?

- Jesus has said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."  
(*Jno. 6:44*)
- How God draws man, "It is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God. Every one therefore that hath heard from the Father, and hath learned, cometh unto me."  
(*Jno. 6:45*)

## HOW DO WE COME UNTO CHRIST?

- Three words summarize the procedure, Hearing, Learning, Coming, and these words indicate how God "draws" men unto Christ.
- "Brethren, ye know that a good while ago God made choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel, and believe." (*Cf. Acts 15:7*)

- In the days of the New Testament, men heard the gospel, believed, and were baptized.
- Acts 8:12 *"But when they believed Philip preaching good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."*
- Acts 18:8 *"...and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized."*

- All such enjoyed the fulfillment of Christ's promise... *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mk. 16:16), and "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47 KJV).*

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## Examples

The Lord's Instructions To The Apostles:  
Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Lk. 24:44-47

**Examples of Conversion**  
Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Lk. 24:44-47

	Preaching	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized	Saved
Pentecost	Acts 2:14-41		Repented 37-38		Baptized 38-41	Remission of sins 38-47
Samaritans	Acts 8:5-13	Believed 12			Baptized 12-13	
Eunuch	Acts 8:35-39	Believed 36-37		Confessed 37	Baptized 38	Rejoiced 39
Saul	Acts 9:17-17; 22; 26				Baptized Acts 22:16; 9:18	Washed sins away Acts 22:16
Cornelius	Acts 10:34-46; 11:14; 15:7	Believed 10:43; 15:7			Baptized 10:48	Remission of sins 10:43
Lydia	Acts 16:13	Attended 14			Baptized 15	
Jailor	Acts 16:32	Believed 31	Repented 33		Baptized 33	

Preaching Rom. 10:14 Faith Heb. 11:6 Repentance Lk. 13:3 Confession Rom. 10:10 Baptism Gal. 3:26-27 Salvation 2 Tim. 2:10

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