

“Come And See”

Introduction. “Come and see” is one of John’s hallmark phrases. Over the course of John’s gospel and the book of Revelation, John records this invitation six times (John 1:46; 4:29; Revelation 6:1, 3, 5, 7).

These verses demonstrate the urgency of inviting people to “come and see” the Lord, either at Him as the bringer of salvation or as the judge of mankind. However, modern man tends to want to “come and see” something entirely wrong as it relates to the Lord. With our gospel meeting starting next week, several suggestions will be made as to what you can invite your friends and relatives to “come and see”.

I. What Do You Invite People To “Come And See”?

- A. Some people want you to “come and see” emotionalism.
 - 1. A lot of people relate their conversion “experience” as “a rush like I never got on drugs.” Some say they “wouldn’t trade this feeling for a whole stack of Bibles.” Conversion is perceived through the lens of feelings, and a man with an experience will never be convinced by a man with a Bible argument.
 - 2. Truth is essential (John 8:32; 17:17). Whenever emotion is primary, truth is secondary. Our emotional reaction to a message — happy or sad — has nothing to do with whether or not the message is true or false (Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23; Isaiah 55:8-9). Furthermore, a person often does not like the product bought on impulse (Luke 8:12-13). Therefore, when the emotion is gone, the religion is gone.
- B. Some people want you to “come and see” their favorite gospel preacher.
 - 1. “Preacheritis” is not at all uncommon. I suppose, if truth be told, we all have a preacher who comes to mind as being our “favorite.”
 - 2. However, what is abnormal is to speak of any preacher as if he practically invented preaching. This kind of attachment is dangerous, and can lead the adoring one to be misled if that favored preacher ever leaves the truth.
 - a) Paul did not elevate one man above another (1 Corinthians 3:5-7). They were all merely helpers to the Lord’s cause (Colossians 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 3:2).
 - b) A man must always be measured by the doctrine he brings (2 John 9-11), even though there will be saints with “itching ears” (2 Timothy 4:1-3).
- C. Some people want you to “come and see” food or recreation.
 - 1. Jesus did not approve of people who merely sought food (John 6:26-27).
 - a) Someone said, “Churches today are more interested in healing the sores on Lazarus, than changing the heart of the rich man.”
 - b) But Jesus did not come to get the people out of the slums, but the slums out of the people.
 - 2. Jesus did not come to entertain (Luke 19:10).
 - a) The gospel is God’s power to save (Romans 1:16). Because of this fact, the church has a limited mission:
 - (1) It upholds, defends, and proclaims the truth (1 Timothy 3:15).
 - (2) It edifies its own members (Ephesians 4:16).
 - (3) It aids its own members (1 Timothy 5:16).

- b) Therefore, the church of our Lord has a spiritual function (John 18:36; Romans 14:17).

II. What Should We Invite People To “Come And See”?

- A. “Come and see” the salvation of the Lord.
1. The suffering servant was made an offering for sin (Isaiah 53:10-11).
 2. The Lord gave His life a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28).
 3. Jesus purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28).
 4. Jesus humbled Himself to the point of death on the cross (Philippians 2:6-9).
 5. Christ will appear a second time for salvation (Hebrews 9:28).
 6. We are redeemed by the blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19).
- B. “Come and see” the grace of the Lord.
1. For by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:8-9).
 2. We are justified freely by His grace (Romans 3:24).
 3. It is of faith that it might be according to grace (Romans 4:16).
 4. The grace of God teaches godly living (Titus 2:11-12).
- C. “Come and see” the mansions of the Lord.
1. Jesus went to prepare a place for us (John 14:1-6).
 2. We will be with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:17).
 3. We will have permanent residence around the throne (Revelation 7:13-17).
 4. Christians will follow the Lamb wherever He goes (Revelation 14:3-5).
 5. The church will have eternal residence in heaven (Revelation 21:2-8).
- D. “Come and see” the kingdom of the Lord.
1. Isaiah promised a king who would be given a kingdom (Isaiah 9:6-7).
 2. The coronation of the king foretold (Daniel 7:13-14).
 3. It would be a kingdom that will never be destroyed (Daniel 2:44).
 4. The kingdom of God would never be shaken (Hebrews 12:28).
- E. “Come and see” the terms of entrance of the kingdom of the Lord.
1. Hear (Romans 10:17).
 2. Believe (John 8:24).
 3. Repent (Acts 17:30).
 4. Confess faith in Jesus (Romans 10:10).
 5. Be baptized into Christ (Mark 16:16).
 6. Walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4-5).

Conclusion. Do you see Jesus in the right way? He is the author of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:8-9), and He lovingly invites mankind to obey (Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 22:7, 12-13). Ring the message out to everyone you can this week, for the New Testament is God’s final word to all of us, and it will be preached with all sincerity and seriousness during our series of Bible lessons.

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