

NEW YEARS EVE PROGRAM CLOSING
A NEW YEARS EVE INVITATION FROM REVELATION 22 "COME"
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New Years Eve.. is the last day of the Old Year.

I always try to read through the Bible at least once each year. This year I finished up with Revelation, this month. I have been reading Revelation over and over the last few weeks and this morning I read this, and I would like to end our program by reading what I read this morning for my devotions:

Revelation 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Revelation 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Revelation 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

Revelation 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Revelation 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

Revelation 22:9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Revelation 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

Revelation 22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Revelation 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Revelation 22:15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Revelation 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Revelation 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Now what better Scripture to read this the last day of the year?

I want you to note that the Bible concludes with an invitation.

Come.

I. Whosoever hears and wants to hear, The Spirit of God will speak to.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

The first thing that needs to happen for you to be saved is for you to be willing to hear what the book says.

Some people close their ears to the Word of God.

They will not come to Christ because they have closed their ears.

Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Men are running from God, doing their own thing.

Most times it takes God knocking them off of their high horses to hear.

Like me. I was running from God doing my own thing.
I thought I had my whole life planned out.

Then Peter Accardi shared with me the salvation message. I rejected it. I didn't want to hear it.

Then I was walking through the hallways of my college and a Gideon handed me a Bible.

Then I meet another person who witnessed to me.

But my ears were not open.

And then I got upset about some things and went to talk to someone who just became a born again christian. They invited me to their church.

AND THEN THAT MORNING AT THAT CHURCH MY EARS WERE OPENED.

AND I CAME TO KNOW THE LORD.

WHOSOEVER HAS AN EAR LET HIM HEAR.

Do you have an ear? Then you can come to Jesus.

II. Whosoever is athirst. Let him come.

If you do not have a thirst for eternal things, I can't help you.
God himself cannot help you..

If you are satisfied with this world and the way it operates, then you will have no thirst.

If you fit in to the way things operate, you then will not want to come to the Lord.

III. IF YOU ARE WILLING YOU CAN COME TO THE LORD.

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Whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely!

Now it is your choice.

The Lord is coming back to take his rightful seat of authority over this planet.

The powers that be will be put down.

Now if you would rather what this world has to offer, I have no hope to give.
Go eat, drink, be merry, until you die.

But if you want something better, I have good news for the new year.

JESUS SAYS COME.

THE SPIRIT INVITES YOU TO COME.

THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INVITES YOU TO COME AND BE HIS CHILD.

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So I end this service with this invitation:

Come to Christ and be saved. Receive Him.

Live for Him.

He invites you to come.

Now if you are satisfied with the way things are in this world, you probably have no thirst or hunger for eternal things.

If you are not thirsty for the things of God, then I have nothing I can share that you would be interested in.

But if you are thirsty for something better than what this world has to offer, I have good news for you. Jesus is looking to recruit citizens for His kingdom, and He is not turning anyone down!

I think it would wonderful if someone this evening would respond to the invitation given in Revelation Chapter 22, and you would respond my coming to the Lord.

INVITATION OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL.. HYMN # 105