THREE INVITATIONS

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Let's review "**three invitations**" in the Scriptures:

Come and Drink. *"*On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." [John 7:37,38}

Jesus offered spiritual water to thirsty souls. The Scriptures can satisfy only those souls who thirst for them. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." {Matthew 5:6} Just as the physical body survives because it thirsts for physical water, so the inner man survives because he thirsts for righteousness.

Come and Rest. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." {Matthew 11:28,29}

Every person is separated from God and burdened with the weight of sin {Romans 3:23; 6:23}. Christ graciously offered to remove that burden. When He died on the cross, His blood provided the way to remove the condemnation of our sins. But each of us must choose whether to continue to carry our burden of sin, or to allow God to lighten it.

Come and See. "And Nathanael said to him, can anything good come out of Nazareth? Philip said to him, come and see." (John 1:46)

When Philip found Jesus, he went to get Nathanael. Nathanael was skeptical. Nothing good could come from Nazareth, he thought. Philip suggested that he come and see for himself. Christians seek to present Jesus to those in the world, and many doubt. The only way they can erase their doubt is by personally examining the evidence in God's word - they must come and see!

Invitations can be offered by others but are of very little profit or can do little good unless they are accepted. God has placed us in this community to **INVITE** others to hear the wonderful story of love and redemption. Let us be busy sending out such "invitations." ***