

They Shall Come To Me
"All That The Father Giveth Me Shall Come To Me" John 6:37

Sing 492 Old School Hymnal "Come Unto Me"

In the present world, there are many people, who do not believe they are commanded to be baptized, and that they don't need to be in church membership. They have many excuses, not reasons, for taking this stand against God and Christ. They are not in church membership, and do not actively participate in the organized church body. God does not give but one reason for not being a member of his church; you are not one of those that he gave to God the Son to save, seen in **John 6:37**.

What about those who use the excuse; my sins are very bad and/or to many? According to the bible; there is only one sin that is unforgivable in time, and may be unforgiven in eternity, and that is to blaspheme against the Holy Ghost. **Mr 3:28-30; 28 "Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: 29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: 30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit."** Jesus said this of the scribes, who accused Jesus of being possessed of the devil.

This has lay heavy on my heart for a long time and especially the last couple of days. It is like a fire shut up in my bones and I need to get it off my heart. The only way I know to do that is to preach this message, and pray that God will make his word effectual in the hearts and minds of all that hear it. I ask of each listener, and reader; come, let us reason together from the scripture.

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Listen to the reasoning of John Bunyan in "Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners": Therefore is every sincere comer to Jesus Christ called also a child of the promise. "Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise," (Gal 4:28); that is, we are the children that God hath promised to Jesus Christ, and given to him; yea, the children that Jesus Christ hath promised shall come to him. "All that the Father giveth me shall come." 4. This word, shall come, engageth Christ to communicate all manner of grace to those thus given him to make them effectually to come to him. "They shall come;" that is, not if they will, but if grace, all grace, if power, wisdom, a new heart, and the Holy Spirit, and all joining together, can make them come. I say, this word, shall come, being absolute, hath no dependence upon our own will, or power, or goodness; but it engageth for us even God himself, Christ himself, the Spirit himself. When God had made that absolute promise to Abraham, that Sarah "should have a son," Abraham did not at all look at any qualification in himself, because the promise looked at none; but as God had, by the promise, absolutely promised him a son; so he considered now not his own body now dead, nor yet the barrenness of Sarah's womb. "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that what he had promised he was able also to perform" (Rom 4:20,21). He had promised, and had promised absolutely, Sarah shall have a son. Therefore, Abraham looks that he, to wit, God, must fulfil the condition of it. Neither is this expectation of Abraham disapproved by the Holy Ghost, but accounted good and laudable; it being that by which he gave glory to God. The Father, also, hath given to Christ a certain number of souls for him to save; and he himself hath said, "They shall come to him." Let the church of

God then live in a joyful expectation of the utmost accomplishment of this promise; for assuredly it shall be fulfilled, and not one thousandth part of a tittle thereof shall fail. "They SHALL come to me."

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me" If you believe that you have been born again; why do you doubt; and believe that you are not called to join the church of Jesus Christ? Now, I know one of the first arguments you are apt to put up is; this scripture is speaking of an eternal work, which is absolutely true. However, when does that eternal work, of eternal life, begin for a child of God? When and where are you born again? Here on earth, you say, and that also is true.

Now, if you are born again here, and you don't acknowledge here, what Christ has done for you, by making that public confession and profession, where does that leave you? I can answer that easily; it leaves you out in the wilderness, suffering the toils and strifes that go with the wilderness. You are not entering into the land of promise, which Christ prepared for you to come into, that you may inherit the abundance of the land that flows with milk and honey.

If Christ did not want you to join the church and be baptized; why would He establish the church, of Salvation by Grace, on earth? If Jesus says, and he has; "**they shall come to me**" and you don't come to the church; what kind of message are you sending forth about Jesus? You are declaring to the church, and the world; by not being an active part of the church of Jesus Christ; that I am not one of those that God the Father gave to God the Son, therefore, I cannot come to Jesus, the Christ.

You are certainly not sending a message, which exemplifies your faith and trust in Jesus, the Christ; as the example given by Abraham, who believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness, seen in: **Ro 4:3 "For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."** and in: **Ga 3:6 "Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."**

We find this truth in one other scripture: **Jas 2:23 "And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God."** Here, because Abraham believed and acted in faith, he is called a "**Friend of God**." We sing a song about "**What A Friend We Have In Jesus**" I ask you this question: if you are not actively participating in the church that Jesus established, can you really sing that song from a pure heart? Can you really be recognized by God as Abraham was; and called a "**Friend of Jesus**?"

I conclude these thoughts with one last thing to bring to your attention. The devil, and the unsaved world, will give you every excuse for not coming forward, joining the church and being a "**Friend to Jesus**." I implore you; don't let them overcome you with all the excuses they will provide you. Stand up and act in faith; put on Christ in public confession. Repent, and demonstrate that you are saved by grace, and be baptized. After all, even Jesus came preaching; **Mt 4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."** and gave commandment to his disciples: **Mt 28:18-20; 18 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."**

Church, be encouraged; Jesus has said: "**They Shall Come to Me**" May God bless and keep us all in Jesus Christ, Amen!

Sing 121 P. M. Lloyd Hymnal *The worst of sinners may be saved.*

Use the tune "Will The Circle Be Unbroken"

- 1 COME, ye sinners, poor and wretched, Weak and wounded, sick and sore, Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, love and power; He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more.
- 2 Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings us nigh: Without money, Without money, Come to Jesus Christ and buy.
- 3 Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness he requireth, Is to feel your need of him; This he gives you, This he gives you, 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.
- 4 Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall, If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all: Not the righteous, Not the righteous, Sinners Jesus came to call.
- 5 View him prostrate in the garden! On the ground your Maker lies! On the bloody tree behold him! Hear him cry before he dies, 'It is finished!' 'It is finished!' Sinner, will not this suffice?
- 6 Lo, th' incarnate God, ascended, Pleads the merit of his blood; Venture on him, venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude; None but Jesus, None but Jesus, Can do helpless sinners good.
- 7 Saints and angels, joined in concert, Sing the praises of the Lamb, While the blissful seats of heaven, Sweetly echo with his name, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Sinners here may sing the same.