

There is a call's to salvation.

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."

In today's religious world of Christianity, we hear all kinds of ways which one is saved. We hear of choices, decisions, baptism, church membership, by works of righteousness, etc., etc. etc. But what we do not hear much about is the call to salvation by God. In all honesty, all these other methods truly leave God out of the actions of salvation, and they mostly leave Jesus Christ out. The text verse this morning There are five important parts to salvation that you will not hear in most congregations and their calls to salvation. This morning we want to focus on these five points that are a must if a sinner is ever going to be saved.

1. The gospel message is the power to call one to salvation. John wrote "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come" This is two calls the general call and the effectual call.
 - a. First, we see the general call by the bride or the church. Jesus Christ gave the church this authority. Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."
 - b. Paul wrote, **Romans 1:16** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."
 - c. **1 Corinthians 15:1 - 4** "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; (2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. (3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"
2. The call of the Spirit is the Holy Spirit. No one, not one single sinner has ever been saved without the call of the Holy Spirit.
 - a. **Romans 8:12 - 14** "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. (13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. (14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

- b. **John 6:44** *"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."*
 - c. **John 6:63 - 66** *"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. (65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. (66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him."*
3. Third, there is the hearer of the two calls. *"And let him that heareth say, Come"* Not everyone hears of the Spirit's call because not everyone is called.
- a. **Matthew 22:14** *"For many are called, but few are chosen."* Also, **Matthew 20:16** *"So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen."*
 - b. We sow the seed of the gospel, but not all will hear. **Luke 8:4 - 8** *"And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: (5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. (6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. (7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. (8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."*
 - c. **1 Corinthians 3:6 - 7** *"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. (7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."*
 - d. **Matthew 15:13** *"But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up."*
4. *"And let him that is athirst come"* There must be a thrust to hear, if not no one will ever hear the gospel.
- a. People will not hear the gospel, nor will they react without God's call. **Matthew 5:6** *"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."*
 - b. **Psalms 63:1 - 2** *"A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a*

dry and thirsty land, where no water is; (2 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary."

- c. **Romans 10:12 - 17** "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. (13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (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? (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! (16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? (17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
5. To those who do hear the Spirits call, and hear the churches call, come, the living water is for you. "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."
 - a. **Revelation 21:6 - 7** "*And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. (7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*"
 - b. **Isaiah 55:1 - 2** "*Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. (2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.*"
 - c. The water and bread of life is only in Jesus Christ. You must come to the well of Jesus and drink of the living water. Those that do not will suffer in Hell's fires that are never quenched forever.
 - d. **John 4:10 - 14** "*Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. (11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? (12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? (13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: (14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him*

shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."