

God's Invitation

TEXT: 2 Pet. 3:8-9

INTRODUCTION:

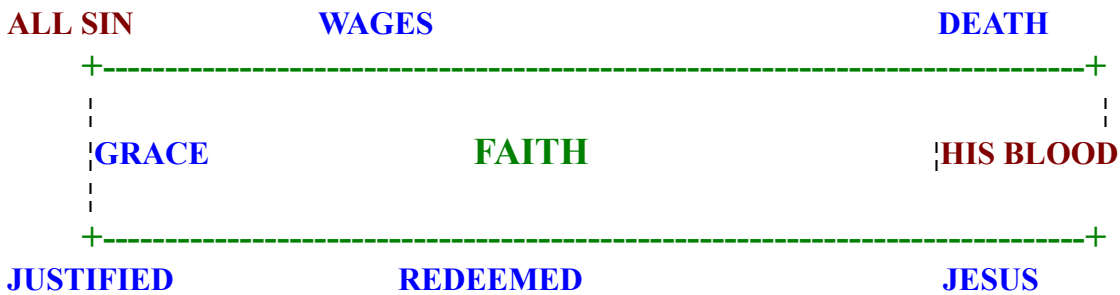
- A. GOD WANTS NONE TO PERISH(**2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:3-4**).
- B. GOD OFFERS HIS INVITATION TO ALL(**Rev. 22:17; Mat. 11:28**).
- C. THAT INVITATION IS OFFERED IN THE GOSPEL
(**2 Thes.2:14; Rom.1:16**).

I. WE NEED TO ANSWER THE CALL OF THE INVITATION:

- A. ALL HAVE SINNED(**Rom. 3:23**).
- B. THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH(**Rom. 6:23; Ez. 18:20**).
 - 1. What do you mean, "death?"(**Eph. 2:1, 12**).
 - 2. Jesus describes Hell(**Mark 9:44, 48-49**).

II. WHAT IF WE ANSWER THE INVITATION?

- A. WHAT ARE WE INVITED TO?(**Rev.22:17; Mat.11:28; 2 Thes.2:13-14**).
- B. HOW CAN THIS BE? JESUS PAYS THE BILL(**Rom. 3:21-26**).



III. WHAT IF WE REJECT THE INVITATION?

- A. JESUS WAS REJECTED IN HIS OWN TIME(**John 1:9-10**).
 - 1. They misunderstood him(**Isa. 53:1-3**).
 - 2. Philosophy and vain deceit(**Col. 2:8**).
 - 3. Unwillingness to sacrifice(**Mat. 19:16-22**).
 - 4. Self-reliance(**1 Cor. 10:12**).
 - 5. Ignorance(**Acts 3:14-17**).
 - 6. They wanted what he didn't offer(**1 Cor. 1:22-24**).
- B. MIGHT WE REJECT JESUS FOR SOME OF THE SAME REASONS?

CONCLUSION:

- A. GRACE PROVIDES SALVATION TO ALL THRU THE INVITATION
(**Titus 2:11**).
- B. DON'T RECEIVE THE GRACE OF GOD IN VAIN(**2 Cor. 6:1**).