



SERIES: October “Back to the Future”

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Scripture: Revelation 22:14-21

TITLE: Come, Lord Jesus!

One of my favorite gifts ever is this championship belt. My wife gave it to me for Christmas in 2006. I didn't deserve it. She thought it was silly, but she paid a high price for this gift. I love it. Most people don't want this belt. Most people don't want to hold it or take a picture with it. But a few chosen do.

Today, many people do not want God's gift of salvation. It's free. It's soul-saving and life-giving. But few will receive it. But their response to the offer is not our responsibility. We are simply the delivery drivers. The question is will we deliver the gift?

Let's turn one last time to Revelation as we wrap up our series today. This is what John writes in Revelation 22:14-21 (ESV).

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

The angel warns against adding to or taking away from God's message. This is not referring to translating the Word but is referring to the twisting or changing of God's Word.

And don't miss the angel's words in verse 17. God and His bride say, "Come. Let the one who desires take the water of life without price."

This message is what makes Christianity unique. It makes it not a religion. God offers peace with Him at no cost. It is simply the receiving of the gift of life. God freely offers the water of life to those whose hearts are thirsty for forgiveness, whose minds are thirsty for truth, and whose souls are thirsty for Him. Is this you? It was me. And thankfully, my heart still yearns for more.

So here's my challenge for you: decide. If you're a follower of Christ, decide to follow Him fully. The message has been consistent. There is no time. Christ is coming back! Don't be found in sin or idle. Be living each moment for Christ.

If you've been walking with us this past month but are wavering, I encourage you to decide if Christianity is for you. Jesus offers you life today and life in eternity. It won't be boring. It won't be disappointing. It will be paradise forever.

It's my prayer that you decide today.

I have decided to follow Jesus each and every day. Will you join me? If so, let's go.