

The Lord's Invitation

Acts 26:16-20

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Central to Gospel Preaching

- *Acts 2:37-40*
- *Acts 3:17-19, 26*
- *Acts 8:35-38*
- *Acts 10:47-48*
- *Acts 16:30-32*
- *Acts 18:8*

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- Gospel invitations must continue to be heard (*John 5:24-25; 6:45; Romans 10:13-14*)
 - "If you have a need, come forward and let it be known..."
 - "If we can help you in any way, come forward..."

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Gospel Preaching

- **Urgency**
- **Clarity**
- **Call to Obey**

Acts 26:18 (16-20)

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Open their Eyes

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(A call to know truth)

- The invitation to come to Jesus to be saved is an invitation to come to a knowledge of the truth, *John 8:31-32; Ephesians 4:20-21; Matthew 11:28-29; 1 Timothy 2:3-4*
- What must I know before I obey gospel?
- Lost in sin? Jesus is Savior? Know His plan of salvation? Need to obey now! (*Acts 2:36-41; 2 Corinthians 6:2*)

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That They May Turn

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(Call to conversion)

- From darkness to light, *Ephesians 4:17-19*
 - Expose sin and error with the light of the gospel, *John 3:19-21; 1 Peter 2:9*
- From the power of Satan to God, *Romans 6:23; Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 John 3:8*
- Solution to problem of your sin: Jesus Christ!

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Receive Forgiveness (Reason and result)

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- Specifically obey the gospel plan of salvation
 - Hear the gospel, *John 6:44-45*
 - Believe in Jesus, *John 8:24; 20:30-31*
 - Confess your faith, *Romans 10:9-10*
 - Repent, *Acts 17:30; Acts 26:20*
 - Be baptized, *Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38*
 - Then, live faithfully, *Colossians 3:1-3*

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An Inheritance (Motive to respond)

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- People must hear about the future:
 - Resurrection, *John 5:28-29*
 - Personal judgment, *2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:12-15*
 - Eternal destiny (heaven/hell), *Matthew 25:46*
- Christians have a living hope of an eternal inheritance, *1 Peter 1:3-4*

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Sanctification (By faith in Christ)

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- Obtain life from the death of sin by faith in Christ, *Romans 1:16-17 (Galatians 2:16)*
- The call to holy living, *Romans 6:17-22*
 - Responsibility after conversion: Take the yoke of Christ, *Matthew 11:29-30*
- Christianity is a sacrificial, obedient way of life, *Galatians 2:20; Luke 9:57-62*

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- Gospel-based invitations to sinners:
- Problem: Sin
- Solution: Christ
 - Duty: Obey
- Blessing: Salvation

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