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### **The Power Of An Invite: The Invitation To Participate**

- **The God Of The Bible Is A Missionary God Who Lovingly Pursues People**
- **Inviting People Into The Church Should Be A Normal Outcome Of Following Christ**

**John 12:31-32** - *The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out.  
<sup>32</sup> And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.*

- **His Invitation Of Redemption Includes Everyone**

#### **THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

- **The Bible Invites Us To The Person, Jesus, God's Son**

**John 17:3** - *And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.*

- **To Give Us The Opportunity To Become Whole In Him**

**Matthew 11:28-30** - *Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”*

- **Jesus Promises That Anyone Who Comes To Him Won't Be Rejected**

**John 6:37** - *Those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them.*

#### **THE LOVE OF GOD**

**Romans 5:8** - *But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*

**Romans 8:31-39** - *What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. <sup>34</sup> Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. <sup>35</sup> Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? <sup>36</sup> (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") <sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. <sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Revelation 3:20** - *Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.*

- **He's Seeking Access To The Church**
- **He'd Become An Outsider In The Hearts Of The Church**

#### **GOD INVITATION INTO HIS PRESENCE**

**1 Chronicles 28:9** - *And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the Lord sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.*

- **He'll Be Found Since He's Already Invited Us To Himself By Calling Us**
- **To Be In His Presence Is God's Initiative**