

Three Invitations from Jesus



1. The Invitation to Dine

- He invites Himself to come into us.

Revelation 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

Hebrews 12:7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? **8** If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. **9** Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! **10** Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. **11** No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

- What We Must Do

Hear His Voice — Discernment

Open the Door — Surrender

- What Happens

Jesus comes in to dine with us

Job 36:15 But those who suffer he delivers in their suffering; he speaks to them in their affliction. **16** "He is wooing you from the jaws of distress to a spacious place free from restriction, to the comfort of your table laden with choice food.

Psalms 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

2. The Invitation to Rest

- He invites us to come to Him

Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

- What We Must Do

Admit our souls are weary

Admit our souls are burdened

Admit our souls need rest

Isaiah 30:15 This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.

Psalms 62:1 My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. **2** He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Psalms 62:5 Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. **6** He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

Psalms 131:1 My heart is not proud, O LORD, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. **2** But I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me.

Psalms 116:7 Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

Take his yoke and learn

Malachi 2:5 "My covenant was with him, a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for reverence and he revered me and stood in awe of my name. **6** True instruction was in his mouth and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many from sin."

Isaiah 50:4 The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. **5** The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back.

3. The Invitation to Serve

- He invites us to come after Him

Mark 8:34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **35** For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. **36** What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?"

- Realize the primacy of our souls
- Deny our self

Ephesians 4:22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; **23** to be made new in the attitude of your minds; **24** and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

- Take up our cross

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

- Follow him

John 20:19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." **22** And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."