Come Lord Jesus

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16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. 18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Revelation 22:16-21 - continued

- 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.
- 20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
- 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Introduction

- A. Last things in the Bible are important
 - 1. The last promise is "I come quickly"
 - 2. The last invitation is "Amen. Even so come Lord Jesus"
- B. The last invitation is a prayer
 - 1. It is a prayer by John for Jesus to return
 - 2. Every believing heart should join in this prayer

Why Did John Invite Jesus To Return?

- A. John had seen man at his worst
 - 1. He was there when Jesus was rejected and betrayed
 - 2. He had stood at the cross when Christ was crucified
 - 3. He had known many of the martyrs
 - 4. He had been exiled for his faith

B. Jesus had given John a panorama of end-time prophecy Revelation 1:19

Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

1. A preview of the wrath of the Lamb

Revelation 6:16-17

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

2. A glimpse of the coming Great Tribulation

- C. John had inside information on things others only speculate about
- 1. The rise of the beast and the false prophet Revelation 13:1

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

- C. John had inside information on things others only speculate about continued
- 2. A preview of the Battle of Armageddon Revelation 14:20

And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

D. Having seen all of this violence, he longed for the return of the Prince of Peace

Romans 8:22

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

A. He had heard the call of the rapture Revelation 4:1

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

B. John had witnessed the marriage of the Lamb and His bride, the Church

Revelation 19:7

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

- B. John had witnessed the marriage of the Lamb and His bride, the Church continued
 - 1. He had seen the Bridegroom on horseback returning to reign

Revelation 19:11

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

2. He had marveled at the majesty of KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS (19:16)

C. John had seen the new Jerusalem Revelation 21:2

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

D. John had firsthand information about the rewards of Christ

Revelation 22:12

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

John was ready for the vision to become reality to take place

John longed for that coming great day

III. John Wanted To See His Returning King

- A. John had been exiled long enough
- B. John had reasons for longing daily for Christ's return
- C. John wanted his new resurrection body
- D. John wanted to see his Savior face to face again

Are you ready for Jesus to come?