

## NOBODY IS TURNED AWAY

John 6:37

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** Why is most of the world unsaved? Why don't people trust in the Lord? Why are there so few Christians compared to all the other religions of the world? Is it because not everybody CAN be saved? Is it because only CERTAIN people are qualified to be saved? Are there only SO MANY that will be saved? Is it because there are some people Jesus doesn't want to be with Him?

*"...All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out..." (Text) "...If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink..."* Why would Jesus give such invitations and assurances?

- People whose consciences are awakened and become convicted of sin often are discouraged because of their ignorance, weakness, guilt and unworthiness need explicit assurance that Jesus will accept them.
- If there were a single exception to His invitation to follow Him might be turned away, then every sinner might think it was him/her and back away.
- If NOBODY would ever be turned away, the invitation is open to WHOSOEVER, then anybody who refused to come to Jesus would not have an excuse and if such a person perished and went to hell it would be their own fault and not His.
- Jesus intended that nobody who heard the gospel should have any reason/cause to pretend or say that he/she was not invited.

### I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "COME" TO CHRIST?

1. Coming to Christ is not an act of the body since Jesus Christ is in heaven, not down here and cannot be approached bodily.
  - It is an act of the mind/heart without leaving where one is.
  - It is an act of one's soul, a decision is made to forsake everything else and to accept Jesus' invitation to come Him.
    - It is a choice one makes choosing Jesus Christ over every thing else.
  - Coming to Christ is an act of choice by which one freely chooses Jesus in preference to all else.
  - Coming to Christ is also called "trusting in Him, receiving Him, believing in Him and loving Him."
2. Coming to Christ is coming to Him as the appointed Savior of sinners.
  - Coming to Christ is not just to gratify one's curiosity or to ease one's conscience.
  - Coming to Christ is to be saved by Jesus Christ from one's sins and the consequences of sin.
  - Coming to Christ is fleeing from the wrath to come and to safety in Jesus.
  - Those who come to Christ do so to benefit from all that comes from Jesus being their Savior.
    - Those who come to Jesus as Savior are called His disciples, His pupils, learners.
3. Those who come to Christ come to Him also as their Priest.
  - A priest is one who offers gifts and sacrifices for sin, pleading for those whom he offers the sacrifices that their sins be pardoned, making atonement for and interceding for that sinful person.

- Jesus Christ, as High Priest, offered Himself as sacrifice and made atonement for ALL sinners.
  - Those who come to God through Jesus Christ, do so as sinners, believing that Jesus is able and willing to do all this for them.
4. Those who come to Jesus Christ come to Him as their King.
- Jesus sits on His throne in Heaven, protecting and defending those who come to Him, subduing their enemies.
  - Jesus requires that all who come to Him submit willingly and cheerfully to His ways, following Him voluntarily.

## II. ANYBODY WHO COMES TO CHRIST WILL NEVER BE EXCLUDED

1. Nobody's age will keep them from being accepted by Jesus.
  - Remember how Jesus warned His disciples to let the little children come to Him and forbid them not?
  - How many of YOU were but small children when you came to the Lord Jesus?
  - None who come to Jesus shall be excluded or turned away because they are too old.
    - Those who are of old age today and are not saved yet it is not because they have been rejected by Jesus, but because THEY have rejected Jesus. They have been unwilling to come to Him, yet there is still time, if they will come.
2. One's situation in life will not cause him/her to be excluded.
  - Many are poor and disliked by others, yet it was those kind of people that Jesus spent most of His time with. The outcasts, the poor were all accepted by Jesus and will continue to be so.
  - Nor will richness and honor keep anyone from being accepted, though they are also invited and called, not many accept Jesus' call, but it is not impossible for the rich to be saved.
3. No one's ignorance or slowness to learn will cause him/her to be rejected or excluded.
  - Jesus will always have compassion on the ignorant and those who have learning difficulties but He will sometimes hide Himself from those who think themselves wise and prudent.
  - Jesus gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, speech to the mute and He can indeed give ability to learn and understand to those in need.
4. The number of one's sins nor the degree of wickedness of his/her sins will not cause one to be rejected.
  - Most people are discouraged from coming to Jesus because of this issue. When convicted of their sins, they become aware of their magnitude, greatness, number, awfulness and are ashamed, therefore think that because of the greatness of their sins, Jesus will not accept them.
  - People aware of their sinfulness doubt whether Jesus' invitation to come to Him is intended for them.
  - These people need to be made aware that none who come to Christ will be excluded on account of either their past sins, or their present unworthiness.
  - If Jesus excluded just ONE on account of the number or greatness of his/her sins, who, then would be accepted? How could He say "*...all that cometh..*" "*...whosoever...*" ?
  - Therefore, what shall prevent Jesus from fulfilling His promise?

## CONCLUSION:

1. What of the "sin unto death, the sin against the Holy Spirit for which there is no forgiveness, either in this world or in the next? Those who have committed this sin, Jesus Christ will not receive.
  - It is those who WILL NEVER COME TO JESUS CHRIST.
  - For those who never want to come to Jesus Christ, there is no repentance, therefore no forgiveness.
  - Anybody who comes to Christ will be pardoned, so the difficulty is that PEOPLE will not come to the Lord Jesus Christ and by refusing to do so, commit the sin that grieves forever the Holy Spirit of God and Jesus can never be their Savior.
  - Therefore the unpardonable sin is when one refuses to come to Jesus Christ.
2. What about YOU? Jesus' invitation is given to YOU and He will not turn you away, BUT YOU are the one now to decide. Jesus has already decided that He wants YOU to be saved, be a part of His family, live with Him in Heaven for all eternity.
3. Have you already accepted Jesus' invitation to come to Him? Then rest assured that HE will keep you and never cast you out.
4. If YOU decide not to come to Jesus, it is not because you have not been invited. If you perish, it will not be because Jesus did not offer eternal life to you but because you did not accept His offer. YOU are, therefore left without excuse.