

The Epilogue – Part II

Revelation 22:16, 17

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I. Introduction

- A. Today: verses 16, 17 – The Final Invitation
- B. Next week: verses 18, 19 - The Final Warning; and verses 20, 21 – The Final Promise and Prayer

II. The Final Invitation

- A. Who it is from – vs. 16, 17a
 - 1. Jesus – my angel – you (John) – to the churches (first usage since 3:22)
 - 2. Jesus – the root and descendent of David.
 - a. I Samuel 15:24-29; Isaiah 11:1; Matthew 1:1; Revelation 5:5
 - 3. Jesus – the bright and morning star. Numbers 24:17; Revelation 2:28
 - 4. Jesus – the unseen (root) and the seen (star)
- B. From whom it is given
 - 1. The Holy Spirit
 - 2. The bride – us!
- C. To whom it is given
 - 1. Some see this as an invitation from the church for Jesus to come to the Earth +
 - 2. An invitation for the world to come to Christ
 - 3. The one who hears
 - a. Not all will have this privilege
 - b. Not all will respond when they hear.
 - i. Acts 2:37-41; 4:4; 5:33; 7:54
 - c. Believers can be dull of hearing. Hebrews 5:11-14
 - 4. The one who is thirsty
 - a. Isaiah 55:1
 - b. 7:37
 - 5. The one who wishes

- a. John 6:44, 65
 - b. Acts 13:48; 16:14; 18:27
- D. What it will cost
- 1. To us it is “without cost”
 - a. Because I am dead in my trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1)
 - b. Because I am helpless and ungodly (Rom. 5:6); a sinner (5:8); an enemy of God (5:10)
 - c. Because I am totally devoid of righteousness (Isaiah 64:6; Rom. 3:9)
 - d. It is a gift = “without a cause”. John 15:25
 - e. “We only contribute one element to the formula of grace – our sin.” Jerry Bridges
 - 2. It’s free to us but cost Jesus everything
 - a. II Corinthians 5:21
 - b. I Peter 2:22-25; 3:18