



# REVELATION

Revelation 22:14-21 | David Chadwick | October 27, 2024

**Title:** The Invitation

This is our last message on Revelation!

## **Revelation 22:14**

**14** *Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.*

- How to be blessed (not cursed): Understand being forgiven forever (“wash their robes”)
- Forgiveness from Jesus, his new life, is God’s best gift to you
- Forgiveness means you’ll live forever (“eat of the tree of life”)
- And you will live in the New Jerusalem forever as your eternal home (“they may enter the city by the gates”)

## **Revelation 22:15**

**15** *Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.*

- As opposed to those outside the New Jerusalem (in hell) who are (think here of our culture):
  1. Dogs (the worst moral character possible, no control of appetites)
  2. Sorcerers (Greek word: pharmakeia) - drug use and the demonic
  3. Sexually immoral (what is biblical sexual morality?)
  4. Murderers (the taking of another’s life – 10 Commandments)
  5. Idolaters (worshiping creation rather than the Creator)
  6. Everyone who loves and practices falsehood (continual lying)

### Revelation 22:16

**16** *“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”*

- Jesus is speaking now
- Sent “my angel” to John – Jesus created all the angels
- To testify about the book of Revelation to the churches
- The importance of the church knowing biblical prophecy
  1. To the seven churches in **chapters 2-3** and
  2. To all churches for all times
- Jesus makes a claim about himself and his authority (Christology), that he is totally God and totally human:
  1. He created King David (“I am the root” equals his divinity)
  2. He is the descendant of King David (“I am the the descendant of David” equals his humanity)
  3. He is also the bright morning star:
    - Venus, the brightest star in the darkness of the night
    - The star that welcomes a new day – a day of hope

### Revelation 22:17

**17** *The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.*

- The Spirit (Holy Spirit) and the Bride (the church) give an invitation to sinners: “Come!”
- The thirsty drink (only the thirsty desire Jesus)
- This water is given “without price,” by grace

### Revelation 22:18-19

**18** *I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, **19** and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this*

*prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.*

- A warning from Jesus: Don't mess with my book! Do not add to or take away from it
- Authors don't like people changing their books!
- If you do change Revelation, the plagues of Revelation will be yours
- You'll not eat of the tree of life or live as a citizen in the New Jerusalem (described in **chapter 21**)
- Be a biblical Christian (there is no other kind)

### **John 8:31**

***31** So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,*

### **John 14:31**

***31** but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.*

### **Revelation 22:20**

***20** He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!*

- Jesus is saying/testifying to these things
- His one message to us: "Surely, I am coming soon"
- Our response should be: Amen (so be it!), Come Lord Jesus (Maranatha - the way Christians greeted one another in the early church)

### **Revelation 22:21**

***21** The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*

- It's all about grace
- An example of C.S. Lewis
- An example from Bono
- Grace is God's unmerited favor through his Son, Jesus

## **If you have accepted Jesus's grace:**

1. You are loved and forgiven of all your sins
2. You are accepted by God
3. You can't ever earn this: it's a free gift
4. You are a new creation/person
5. Your eternal ID isn't based on what you've earned or done
6. Or what's been done to you
7. Or skin color
8. Or sexuality (identity politics)
9. Your eternal ID is solely rooted in the FACT that you are a child of God, adopted by his grace, an heir of all the Father owns in eternity and the New Jerusalem
10. Your eternal home: more beautiful than you can ever imagine

This is your blessed hope from Revelation

### **Titus 2:13**

***13** waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

- The Rapture (we are not here for God's wrath in the Great Tribulation)
- Jesus's return at the end of the Great Tribulation
- The Millennial Kingdom of Jesus on earth
- Satan's final defeat at the end of the Millennial Kingdom
- The new heaven and the new earth
- The new Jerusalem

**My final warning and plea:** receive Jesus