

The Christian Invitation





WHY CHRISTIANS BELIEVE

Great Oaks Church of Christ

June 27-30, 2021

7pm Sunday-Wednesday

“Invitation” is an
important Christian
theme.



Our Public Invitation Time Reminds Me...



1) ...lives can be changed
by an invitation.

John 1:45-46

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and *also* the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

John 1:45-46

⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

John 1:49

⁴⁹ Nathanael answered Him,
“Rabbi, You are the Son of God;
You are the King of Israel.”

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2) ...invitation is at the heart of
Jesus' mission.

John 1:43

⁴³ The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, “Follow Me.”

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you re

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.

³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Luke 14:16-24

¹⁶ But He said to him, “A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many;

Luke 14:16-24

²³ And the master said to the slave,
'Go out into the highways and along
the hedges, and compel *them* to come
in, so that my house may be filled.

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3) ...we need times to reflect
on our faith.

Lamentations 3:40

⁴⁰ Let us examine and probe our ways,
And let us return to the LORD.

Luke 15:17-18

¹⁷ But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!

Luke 15:17-18

¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight;

¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.””

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4) ...God is always ready
to forgive and help.

Luke 15:20

²⁰ So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion *for him*, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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5) ...every sermon has
an invitation.

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and *yet* it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁶ Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”

Acts 2:37-41

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:37-41

⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!”

⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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6) ...invitation is a joint work of the
Spirit and the church.

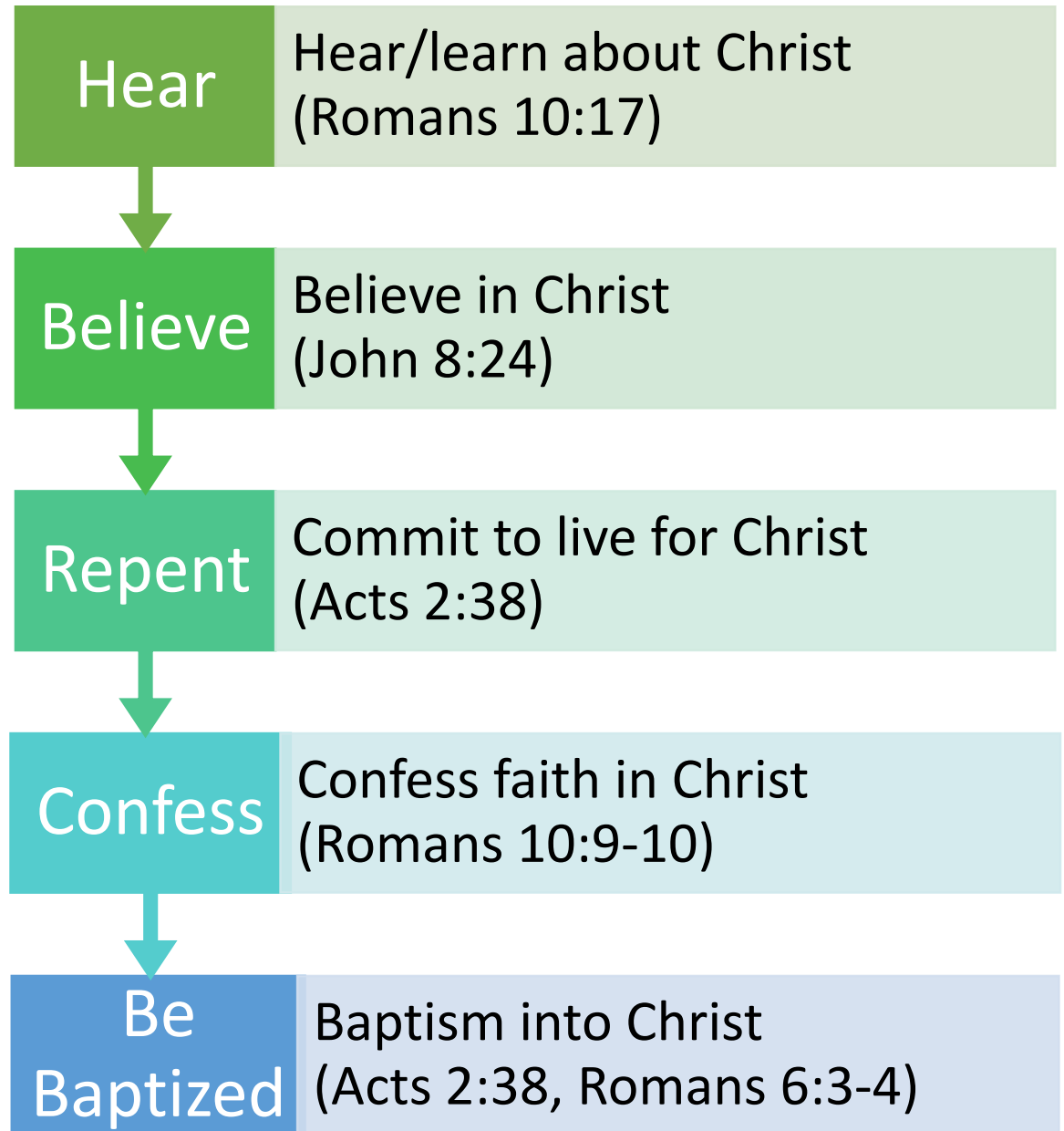
Revelation 22:17

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 wishes take
the water of life without cost.

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?



James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.