YOU ARE INVITED...

The INTELLECT, EMOTIONS, AND WILL are all involved in genuine saving faith. The WILL is definitely involved in saving faith! In John 7:17 Jesus said, *"If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority."* 

Joshua challenged the people saying, "choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve" (Josh 24:15).

The final invitation of the Bible is found in Revelation 22:17 where it says, "Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely." It is free for the taking but one has to want it.

### Isaiah 55:1 (NKJV)

**1** "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.

### Isaiah 55:6–7 (NKJV)

6 Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.7 Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

God invites the entire world saying, "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth!" (Isa. 45:22). Jesus invites everyone saying, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28). Again, in John 7:37-38 Jesus said, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

The universal invitation is given but it demands a response, a faith response which Paul calls "*obedience to the faith*" (Rom. 1:5, 16:25). When Christ comes in judgment it will be on those "*who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (2 Thess. 1:8).

To OBEY the gospel is to respond in faith which involves an act of the will. In Romans 10:10, Paul says, "With the heart one believes unto righteousness".

God has done all to provide salvation and the invitation to respond is now going out far and wide, "whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17 - KJV).

# John 1:12 (NKJV)

**12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

# 2 Corinthians 6:1–2 (NKJV)

**1** We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

**2** For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

# Hebrews 3:7–8 (NKJV)

**7** Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, **8** Do not harden your hearts...