

He That Cometh to Me

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John 6:37-40

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

This is my subject for today: "HIM THAT COMETH TO ME." I want to make this clear as I can possibly make it. I want to put it down right here where everybody can (at least in their heads), understand it. My message will be taken from John Chapter 6.

In John 6:37, Christ said "*All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me and him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out: For, I came down from heaven,*" He is no mere man; He is the God-Man. "*I came down from heaven.*" He was before; "*Glorify Me with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was. I came down from heaven.*"

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. I came down from heaven not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent Me." He came down from heaven because He was sent down from heaven. He was sent down from heaven to accomplish a particular task. "*And this is the Father's will which has sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me, I should lose nothing.*"

He just spoke about those people a moment ago when He said, "*All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me.*" Here He says, "*Those which He hath given Me, I should lose nothing, (not one), but should raise it up again at the last day; and this is the will of Him that sent Me, that everyone that seeth the Son and cometh to Him, believeth on Him, might have eternal life, and I'll raise Him up at the last day.*"

It is very clear from the Scriptures that "*The Father loveth the Son and hath put all things into His hands.*" I wish I could emphasize that like it needs to be emphasized. "*The Father loveth the Son and hath given all things (and all spiritual blessings) into His hands.*"

Whatever God has for sinners, it is in Jesus Christ our Lord. "*In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*" It is all in Him. All of God's love, God's mercy, God's

grace, God's glory, and God's eternity are in the hands of Christ. *"We are complete in Him."*

You see; Christ is the Light. He said, *"I am the light of the world."* Those who are without Christ are in darkness. It does not matter what kind of religion they may have, if they do not have Jesus Christ the Lord who is the Light, they will live in darkness.

Christ is the Life. He said, *"I'm the resurrection and the life. I'm the way, the truth and the life."* Christ is life. *"When Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall we appear with Him in glory."* Without Christ, they are dead. If He is Life and men do not have Christ, then they are dead.

Christ is the love of God. The love of God is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *"He that believeth not on the Son, the wrath of God abideth on him."* So men without Christ, are under God's wrath, judgment, and anger.

Christ is the Truth. Is that not what He says? *"I am the truth."* Pilate asked Him about that. "What is truth?" The Lord said, *"I am the truth."* Believe the Truth and the Truth will make you free. You shall know the Son and *"If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."* So, men without Christ do not have the Truth. They live a lie. He is the Truth.

"Christ is the wisdom of God." The Scripture says that all the way through; *"He is the wisdom of God."* So, men without Christ have no wisdom, all that they have is foolishness.

"Christ is our peace." It plainly says that; *"He is our peace."* So then, without Christ, we are living in warfare. Our God is a consuming fire outside of Christ. The Scripture says, *"Christ in you is the hope of glory."* There is no hope without Christ. In other words, without Christ, Paul wrote to the Ephesians, *"Is to be without God and without hope in this world."* Do you see what I am saying? Christ is the Light, Life, Love, Truth, Wisdom, Peace, and Hope. Then, without Him, we perish.

I ask you this question, why do men and women not come to Christ? Why do they not believe on Him? It plainly says, *"You will not come to Me that you might have life. Search the Scriptures; in them, you think you have life; they are they which testify of Me. You will not come to Me that you might have life."*

In other words, He charged the people to whom He preached in the flesh. He said, *"I come in My Father's name and you receive Me not. Let another come in his own name,*

(promoting himself), *and him you will receive.*” This reminds me of this day. Isn’t that strange? Men will not come to Christ.

Men will come to a church, but not to Christ. They will come to an altar and they will even come to a preacher. They will come to the front, but not to Christ. They will come to a law. People love rules. The more rules you can make, the more some folks love it. They will come to the rules of religion, the laws of religion, but not to Christ. People will come to a denomination. They will come to a doctrine, but not to Christ.

I’ve brought a message on that not so long ago. Some of you may remember it. I think I can answer that question by looking at three people who definitely came to Christ. In the Word of God, I picked out three people who definitely came to Christ, no question about it.

The first one who came to Christ was the leper. It is mentioned in Matthew 8. Do you remember when Christ came down from the mountain? There was a leper who was unclean, isolated, separated; a helpless and hopeless leper who came and fell at His feet. He looked up into His face as He worshipped Him and said, *“Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.”* He came to Christ.

There was a woman in Matthew 9, *“Who had an issue of blood,”* the Scripture says. She had the issue of blood for 12 years. Her life was just flowing away. She had been to many doctors, spent everything she had and was no better. She said, *“If I can just get to Him, I will be healed.”* She said, *“If I can just but touch His clothes.”* She came through the crowd, the multitude, reached out, and touched Him and she was made whole. She came to Christ.

In Mark 10, there was a blind man named Bartimeus who the Scripture says, *“He arose and came to Jesus.”* What do all of these people have in common? They all came to Christ. Most of the people in my day won’t come to Christ and they don’t come to Christ. Why did these three come to Christ, and what did they have in common?

First of all, it is certain; they had heard of Christ. They all had heard of Him. Now listen to me, I don’t mean to be offensive, but many in my generation have heard of *“another Jesus.”* They haven’t heard of the Christ of the Bible, the Sovereign, Eternal, Incarnate, and Surety of an everlasting covenant who cannot fail.

He is a Christ who reigns and is victorious. He is the Christ who is Sovereign, the Christ who is sufficient, and the Christ who is effectual in His work. I know most people have not heard of Him. These people had heard of Him. The reason is because the leper

called Him, "*Lord.*" He didn't call Him Jesus. He called Him, "*Lord.*" He had heard of Him you see. He knew that He was Lord.

The thief on the cross called Him Lord. Nicodemus called Him, "*Master.*" The woman said this, "*If I could just but touch His clothes.*" She had heard about Him and His power and His glory. She knew in her heart that if she could just but touch Him, she would be made whole.

Bartimeus called Him, "*The Son of David.*" He didn't call Him Jesus, either. There was no over familiarity among these people. They were full of fear and awe at the presence of the Lord. They called Him, "*Lord.*" Most preachers today just call Him, "*Jesus.*" They think that they are on a real intimate first-name-basis with the King. These people called Him, "*Lord.*" Blind Bartimeus called Him, the Christ, "*The Son of David.*" There was great respect and great fear and great awe.

Another thing about these people was that they knew of His power. The leper said, "*Lord, if you will, (if it is in Your will), you can make me clean.*" The woman said, "*I shall be healed if I can touch His clothes; I shall be healed.*"

Do you know what the Centurion said? He said to the Lord Jesus as he was recognizing His sovereignty over all things, "*My servant is sick.*" The Lord said, "*I will come to your house.*" He said, "*I'm not worthy for you to come to my house; you just speak the Word. I am a man with authority. I say to this man, Go and he goes, this man come and he comes. I know that you have the power and the authority; you just say the Word and my servant will be healed.*" Our Lord said, "*Great is your faith.*"

Blind Bartimeus said, "*Lord that I may see.*" That is awe in the presence of the King. We don't have that today. We have something wrong with this familiarity with the Deity. I can't explain it, but there is something wrong.

I will tell you another thing about these people; they heard of Christ, they knew of His power and they all came to Him. They didn't come to His disciples. It is not going to help you to come to a preacher. They didn't come to His mother.

I can't find anywhere in the Bible where they came unto His mother, except the folks wanting some wine. They didn't come to His mother to be saved. They didn't come to his mother to be forgiven; they didn't come to His mother to be healed. They came to His mother because they wanted some wine.

If you want to be healed, if you want to be saved, if you want to be forgiven you have to come to Christ, not to His mother. They didn't come to His temple; they came to Him. Everyone came directly to Christ.

I will tell you something else about them; their hope for healing and their hope for mercy was not in their own merit, not a one of them! The lepers didn't say, "Lord; I think I will let you cleanse me." He said, "*Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.*"

Blind Bartimeus didn't say, "Lord, I believe that I have decided to believe in you, I think I will just take you up on your offer and I think I will see." He said, "Lord that I may see." These people all recognized that their hope was not in their merit, works, or in their own strength, but it was in Him. Now, all of this is true and you know that it is true.

What did all of these people have in common? They came to Christ. They recognized His power. They came to Him depending on His mercy, His grace, and His goodness. Did you notice that I left out one thing? There is one thing that they had in common that I haven't mentioned. Do you know what it is?

It is the most important thing of all, the very thing that led them to believe on Him, that led them to seek Him, that led them to come to Him, that led them to beg for mercy. What is the one thing that they all had in common, the very background of everything they did?

They called Him Lord, they came to Him, they sought Him out, and they would not leave until He had blessed them. What was the one thing that brought them to Christ? They needed Him. The leper was a leper. That is why he came; he was a leper and incurably so. He had no ability to do anything. He came because he needed Christ. He came because he was a leper.

Why did the woman with the issue of blood come to Christ? I know she came. I know she believed and I know she knew His power. I know she didn't have any merit or reason in herself that He should heal her. She came because she was dying. She tried everything else, and nothing worked. She was dying and she needed Him.

Blind Bartimeus, why did he come to Christ? He was hopelessly blind. Christ was the only one that could make him whole. Do you want me to tell you why men and women, girls and boys don't come to Christ today? They don't need him; they are not sinners.

Do you know any sinners? What brings a man to the well? Why does a man come to the well? He is thirsty. What brings a man to the table? Why do you come to the table at

noon or six o'clock in the evening? Why did I go to the restaurant tonight? I was hungry! That is why I went.

What brings a man to the doctor? He is sick. What brings a man to the Gospel? What brings a man to Christ? What brings a man to the Saviour? The answer is sin. That is what these people had in common. That is our problem today.

In Matthew 9:10 our Lord said; *"It came to pass as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many Publicans and sinners came to Him."* Many Publicans and sinners came to Him and sat down with Him. When the religious fellows saw it, they said; "Why does your Master eat with these people? Why does He sit and talk with this kind of people? Why does He associate with sinners?"

When Jesus heard them, He spun around and looked at them and said, *"They that be whole (or well), do not need a doctor, but those that are sick."* *"Now, you go learn what that means."* I'm saying, Christ is the light, and men without Him are in darkness. Why don't they come to the Light? Because, they think they have the light.

I'm saying, Christ is the Life. Men without Him are dead. Why don't they come to Christ? They think they are alive.

Christ is Wisdom. Christ says that *"He is the wisdom of God."* Well, why don't men come to this wisdom? They think they are wise.

Christ is the Truth. They say like the Pharisees, "We be not sinners; we are not born of fornication; we are not like the Gentiles; we are not Pagans." They say, "We have our religion, we have our heritage, we have our Sabbath Days, we have our ceremonies, we have our traditions. We have these things and we have Moses." We have Bibles; we are nice folks. We go to church on Sundays, pay our tithes, and sing in the choir. We don't need you."

Christ said, *"I will have mercy and not sacrifice."* He will have mercy, not form, ceremony, and sacrifice. He is dealing with mercy. Christ says, "I'm dealing in mercy."

He was sitting here with these Publicans, harlots, and sinners. These religious fellows were back there pointing and saying, "Why are you associating with those people?" He said, "Because the world does not need a doctor. The well, do not need a doctor." Who needs a doctor? It is those who are sick that need a doctor. Go see what that means.

"I didn't come to call the righteous, (the self-righteous, and the so-called moral good of which there is none, but they think they are). I came to call sinners to repentance." Christ died for sinners. "He died for the ungodly. He came to seek and to save the lost."

Are there any lost people? Do you know any? *"Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief,"* Paul said. I'm not come to call the good and the moral. *"I've come to call sinners."*

Somebody wrote this years ago:

Christ means nothing to those who have not felt their woe.
A sinner is a sacred thing, the Holy Ghost hath made him so.

I went out to the state of Oregon about three years ago to preach a meeting in a large Grange Hall out there. There were some people renting the hall and they asked me to come out and preach for four or five nights. Two pastors, two local pastors, came to the service. One had pastored about 15 years and the other about six or seven years.

They came every night. They sat and listened to me preach Christ, Christ Jesus the Lord, Christ the Saviour of sinners, Christ the Redeemer of the lost, Christ who died for the ungodly, and Christ who came to seek and to save the lost.

When that meeting was over, both of those young men told me (and that congregation told me) that they had never known this Christ that I preached. They had pastored churches, they had been preachers for years and they had never come to Christ as a sinner; they had just grown up in religion. I will tell you this, if you have never been lost, you have never been saved.

Where is the tear of repentance today? Where is the fear of the Lord? Where is the man or woman in need of a Saviour? Do you know anybody? Everybody needs their body healed. Everybody has got some kind of aches or pains somewhere. I've got aches and pains like you. I wear glasses; I wear a hearing aid, have a bad back, and have aches and pains.

I've been blessed. God has blessed me so wonderfully. I don't need healing of this body; this old body is going to die and I have to bury it some day anyway. I need healing of the soul. Do you know of anybody that needs healing of the soul? Do you know anybody that is lost or has sinned? Do you know anybody who is under the judgment of God? Do you?

Where is the Macedonian cry? “*Come over and help us.*” No, everybody wants you to come over and give them a job, buy them a car, build them a home, fill their bodies, make life easier here on this earth. Where is this cry for mercy?

Depth of mercy

Can there be?

Mercy still reserved for me?

Can my God His wrath forbear

And me the chief of sinners spare?

And can it be that I should gain

An interest in the Savior’s blood?

Are you a sinner? Are you in need? Are you lost? Are you helpless before God? Are you in need of a Mediator? Do you have any guilt? “*To offend in one point of the law is to be guilty of the whole law.*” I will tell you this, self-righteousness is your greatest enemy. Your sins won’t keep you from Christ, but your righteousness will.

I found something here in the Book of Isaiah several months ago that I want to pass along to you. I call this, “Isaiah’s Path of Redemption.” Isaiah shows us the means of mercy, the path that mercy takes in coming to a sinner. I will give it to you briefly.

In Isaiah 2:11 through 12, He tells us that the Day of Redemption is the day of conviction. If you missed Holy Spirit conviction, you will miss repentance. If you miss repentance, you will miss faith. If you miss faith, you will miss Christ. He says, “*The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low.*”

In that day of mercy, in that day of grace, the proud, haughty, arrogant looks of men (his spirit and attitude) is going to be brought down into the dust. Judgment always precedes grace. Emptiness always comes before filling. Humbling always comes before exaltation and repentance always accompanies faith. You will be stripped before you are clothed.

Have you ever been convicted? Have you ever been a sinner, a lost, defiled, ungodly, hell-deserving sinner? Have you ever been lost, if you haven't, you have never been found?

Second: In Isaiah 25, He says; *"In that day it shall be said, this is our God; we have waited for Him; He will save us. This is the Lord and we have waited for Him. We will be glad and rejoice that this is the Lord."*

This is the message that I have been waiting on, a message for sinners. Christ was sent of God; *"In the fullness of time, God sent His Son into the world."* He was sent to be our Righteousness. *"He who knew no sin, was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."*

He is revealed as our sin-offering. He brought us to God, *"The Just for the unjust."* He is revealed as our Justifier. He is revealed as our faithful High Priest and our Mediator. When Simeon held that child Jesus (the Lord Jesus Christ) in his hand (even as He was a babe), he lifted his eyes up to heaven and said, *"Now, Lord, let me die; I have seen your salvation."* Have you seen Him?

"In that day, the lofty looks of men shall be brought low." In that day, Christ is revealed and they say; *"Now, this is our Saviour; this is the one that we have been waiting on. We have been waiting on someone who could honor God's Law, satisfy God's Justice and save folks like us."*

Then, Isaiah said this; *"And in that day, thou shalt say; O Lord, I will praise Thee for Thou was angry with Me and Thine anger is turned away in Christ. Behold God is my salvation. I will trust Him and I will never be afraid."* That is assurance! That is the path of mercy.

The path of mercy always takes the path of conviction. It is a stripping and humbling path, a path of repentance and faith. It is a sight of Christ; a knowledge of the Son of God and His redemptive character and assurance.

You will find Him to be your Comforter, your Salvation, your Strength and your Righteousness. *"For, of God are you in Christ Jesus, who of God has made unto us Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption."*

All I need is found in Christ!