

## Lesson 5: Come unto Me

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Where do we go from here? We have discussed the life and death of Jesus Christ. He died the death we should have died, and lived the life we should have lived. Then He imputed to us the life He lived, and granted us the eternal life that is His. We also looked at our fallen sinful nature and have seen that we have a sinner's need. Now, where does a person go from here armed with all the facts? What is the next step in the plan of salvation?

1. There is no better place in all of scripture to look for this answer than in the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew. What was Jesus doing?

**Matthew 11:1** \_\_\_\_\_

- A. What was Jesus preaching and teaching?

**Matthew 11:5** - The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the \_\_\_\_\_ preached to them.

- B. What was Jesus' gospel message?

**Matthew 11:20** - Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not \_\_\_\_\_.

- Repentance is one of the great foundational teachings of the gospel message. It is the condition upon which we are granted eternal life. Matthew 11 says that it was the message of all the prophets, and it was the message of John, and it was the primary message of Jesus. However, in the gospel order, it is not our next step following the sinner's need. There is a very important step that a believer must take first which leads to repentance. We will cover repentance in the next section, but for now we must understand what the next step is that we must lead the believer to take.

C. Who is actually responsible for the revelation of God to a seeker? (read **Matthew 11:27**)

- *This is a very important point in leading a person to Christ. At this juncture it is prudent to ask the student if they feel that in the past four lessons if God has been revealing himself to them? The answer to this question in the affirmative will lead the student to accept the call to come unto me much more likely.*

D. After God has revealed himself, as we have discussed in the first four lessons, what is the next step that a believer is told they must take?

**Matthew 11:28** - \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

- Discuss the following quote:

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*“Just here is a point on which many may err, and hence they fail of receiving the help that Christ desires to give them. They think that they cannot come to Christ unless they first repent, and that repentance prepares for the forgiveness of their sins. It is true that repentance does precede the forgiveness of sins; for it is only the broken and contrite heart that will feel the need of a Saviour. But must the sinner wait till he has repented before he can come to Jesus? Is repentance to be made an obstacle between the sinner and the Saviour? The Bible does not teach that the sinner must repent before he can heed the invitation of Christ, “come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28. It is the virtue that goes forth from Christ, that leads to genuine repentance”*

2. What does it mean to come to Christ?

**Matthew 11:29-30** - Take My \_\_\_\_\_ upon you and \_\_\_\_\_ from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

- The yoke was an instrument that tied an older experienced ox to a younger inexperienced ox, so that the old bull could teach the young bull. Often the Rabbi’s teachings were called a “Yoke” or discipline. It would be the set of

teachings that the disciple would be taught if he were to be that Rabbi's disciple.

If coming to Jesus means to take His teachings, then it must mean that through His teachings He will help us to truly be able to repent.

What does this mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_

A. Read the following texts then discuss what it means to come to Jesus?

• **John 13:13** \_\_\_\_\_

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• **Romans 10:9** \_\_\_\_\_

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• **Matthew 16:24-26** \_\_\_\_\_

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• What is the fallacy of just believe but not follow? \_\_\_\_\_

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Discuss this quote:

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*"It was possible for Adam, before the fall, to form a righteous character by obedience to God's law. But he failed to do this, and because of his sin our natures are fallen and we cannot make ourselves righteous. Since we are sinful, unholy, we cannot perfectly obey the holy law. We have no righteousness of our own with which to meet the claims of the law of God. But Christ has made a way of escape for us. He lived on earth amid trials and temptations such as we have to meet. He lived a sinless life. He died for us, and now He offers to take our sins and give us His righteousness. If you give yourself to Him, and accept Him as your Saviour, then, sinful as your life may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. Christ's character stands in place of your character, and you are accepted before God just as if you had not sinned."*

- B. How do we come to Jesus today? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. What power is it that invites us to come to Jesus? Could we come to him of our own desire? Read the following texts for the answer:

**John 12:32** \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 3:20** \_\_\_\_\_

**John 6:44** \_\_\_\_\_