

"What Is Coming To Christ?"

Matthew 11:28

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I have something for us today that I pray will be a real help and a real blessing and comfort. Our message will come from Matthew 11, Matthew 11:28. Our Lord said, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." "Come unto me." That's what He said. "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." The message from our Lord right here is, come to Christ. That's what He is saying. Come to Christ. "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I'll give you rest." Have you ever heard someone say, "Come to Christ." Have you ever heard someone say that? You ever heard a man step up into a pulpit or heard somebody witnessing say, "Come to Christ, come to the Lord Jesus Christ." Well, we're hearing that message right now. That's the message today. This is our message right now. This may be the first time you've ever heard that. This may be the 100th or 1,000th time that you've heard that, but that's the declaration that's being made right now. Come to Christ. Come to Christ. Now, who is the declaration being made to? Well, verse 28 says it's made to, "...all ye that labor and are heavy laden." That's who He is talking to. That's who the message and the announcement is to. "...all ye who labor and are heavy laden..." And He's not talking about in career and He's not talking about in responsibilities. He's not talking about in life on this Earth. He is talking about labored and heavy laden over sin. Labored and heavy laden over sin.

He said, if you come to Me in that way, labored and heavy laden over sin, I will give you rest. Now, God has an elect people, and if a soul on this Earth is not one of those elect before the foundation of the world people, that soul will not come to Christ. That will be the evidence that a person is not one of God's elect. That person will not come to Christ. If you'd like to look at John six with me, John 6:44, our Lord Jesus Christ said, "No man can come to Me except the Father which hath sent Me draw him and I will raise him up at the last day." The Father elected a people to come to Christ. The ones that He draws, they are the ones He elected. He draws every soul that He chose to come to Christ. And the Father is only going to draw the ones He chose to come to Christ. So, if a soul is not one of the elect, that soul will not come to Christ and cannot come to Christ. Again, He said in verse 44, "No man can come to Me except the Father draw." That's the only way. But if a soul has been included in the Father's election, if we are one of the elect, okay, God has an elect people. And if we are one of 'em, we most definitely will come to Christ. We will. There will not be an option in the matter for us. We will hear the command of God's word. It'll say to our hearts, come to Christ. We will be sovereignly drawn by that command and we will, no ifs, ands, or buts about it. We will come to Christ. We will. Look at verse 37 right here in John six. Our Lord said, "All that the Father giveth Me." Every soul the father gave to me, He has an elect, an elect people. "All that the Father giveth Me, shall come to Me, and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." If the Father elected, that soul is coming. If the Father chose to save, that soul is coming to Christ. The Father didn't choose one soul and then leave the case where that soul can reject Him or ignore Him or that soul is coming. "All that the Father giveth Me, shall come to Me. So, if God has given us ears to hear this and a heart to want to come to Christ, if in your heart you hear this and you say, "I want to come to Christ," come to Christ. That's the declaration this morning. That is the command. Come to Christ. Now, there are three types of people on this Earth and I just want to interject here that I feel I have a very important message right here. I pray the Lord will really give us ears to hear this. We need this, I need this, we all need it. There are three types of people on this Earth. There are three categories of people. Every soul on this Earth falls into one of these

three categories. The commandment of God is, come to Christ, come to the Lord Jesus Christ, all right? Some people literally, have no idea what that means. You hear, come to Christ, and they think, what in the world does that even mean? What do you mean come to Christ? All right, that's category one. Then some people think they know what it means. They hear, come to Christ, and they envision coming to Christ. They envision coming to a man. They envision physically going somewhere, point A to point B. A lot of times people will come down front. You'll see people get up from their pew and they'll go down to where the pulpit is. You know, point A to point B, you know, coming, going somewhere. And I'll just go ahead and tell you that's not what it means. Not at all. You have some people who have no idea what it means. You have some people who think they know what it means. And then there's category three. There are some people who actually knows, they actually know what it means. God has revealed to them what it truly means. And I want to encourage all of us, let's ask the Lord to reveal by His spirit to our hearts. What does this mean? I'm gonna do my best to make it as clear and as plain as I possibly can. But the only way we're gonna learn this is if God's spirit will reveal it to us. So, what does it mean? What is coming to Christ? I'm gonna give you the answer, and then I'm going to explain the answer, okay? Coming to Christ is, coming to Christ. Coming to Christ is, coming to Christ. Coming to Christ. Our Lord said back in Matthew chapter 11, "Come unto Me." And I know what I just said sounds like a obvious answer, or a simple answer, or a ridiculous answer, but this is the depth of salvation. This is the depth, this is the heart of the matter. Our Lord said, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." I pray the Lord will open my eyes to this today and your eyes. I pray He will open someone's eyes to this today. "Come unto me, I will give you rest. If you're labored, come to Me, I'll give you rest." The first thing that causes God's people to be labored and heavy laden is, the sin that they've committed against God. God's people are labored and heavy laden over what they have done. What they have done. Every soul on this Earth is despicable in the mind, in the thoughts. I'm being very honest right now. Very candid right now. Now, we're gonna leave the body out of this for a minute. I'm not gonna talk about the body, I'm gonna talk about the mind. I'm just

gonna focus on the thoughts and the mind where all sin originates. The scripture calls it the heart, the depth, the soul, the being of a man or a woman. All of mankind is despicable in the heart. You know, the scripture says, "The heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." And it's so. All of mankind is despicable in the heart, in the mind, in the thoughts. You know I'm speaking truth. You have done things in your life that you feel such deep guilt over, and so have I. Every soul on Earth has a whole lifetime full of sin. But there are certain things that every person has done that will haunt them until the day they die. If you are a child of God, you are labored and heavy laden over the guilt of what you've done. The sin you've committed before God. And again, I'm not talking about the body, I'm just talking about the mind. You know, everybody focuses on the body. They think if it doesn't make it outta their mind, if it doesn't make it to the deeds of the body, it hasn't happened. You know, that's not so. God looks on the mind. God deals with us based on the mind. He said in His word, "Out of the heart are the issues of life." God looks on the heart. He looked on all those Pharisees. He knew they were evil, 'cause He was looking at their heart. We're not even making it to the deeds of the body. We're just focusing on the mind, the thoughts, the heart. If you are labored and heavy laden over what happens in here, listen to this command, okay? Come to Christ. Come to Christ. And here's what that means. In the mind, in the heart, in the same place where all of that sin originates. In your mind, in your heart, you rest in the fact that Jesus Christ bore the very sins of His elect people. Even the secret sins, the sins in the mind that people can't see. He bore them in His own body on the tree. Oh, the guilt He bore, the sorrow He bore. You rest in the fact that God, the Godhead, Father, Son, and Spirit, made Jesus Christ to be sin for His people who knew no sin. The one who knew and committed no sin of His own. The only sin in Him was my sin, your sin. The sin of all of his people, He took it from us. He took it from us. He made it to be His very own before God. You rest in the fact that in the blood of Jesus Christ everything that you feel so guilty for having done. You rest in the fact that in Christ, in Christ taking it from you, in Christ bearing it for you, in Christ being judged by it for you, in the shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ, all of it has been put away forever. In Christ. It's all put away forever. That's what it is to come

to Christ. That's what it is to come to Christ. It's to take your guilty burden that you feel, because of everything that you've done. It's to take it to Jesus Christ and leave it there. It's to trust in the heart that He's actually taking care of that for you. And you can rest. You can rest. The first thing that God's people feel labored and heavy laden over, is what they've done. Come to Christ, all right, come to Christ. When it comes to all of that vile wicked sin that you have done and I have done, we can trust in the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ to put it all away. Come to Christ. People think so often they think, if I could just go back and do that differently, if I could just go back and undo that, here's a better one for us. Come to Christ. If we could go back and do it again, we'd do it about the same way. And it's because we're sinners, and that's about all we can do is sin. Come to Christ, Come to the Lord Jesus Christ. Come to that fountain of blood, come to where redemption is and forgiveness is, come to Jesus Christ. The first thing that all of God's people are labored and heavy laden over, is what they've done, all right? The second thing that all of God's people are labored and heavy laden over, is what they haven't done. Over in Colossians chapter three it says, "If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, set your affections on things above and not on things on the Earth." You just completely dwell and be taken with glory and heaven and things. Don't even give any thought to this world. That's impossible for the flesh. Verse three, He said, "You're dead and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory. Mortify, therefore, your members, which are upon the Earth, fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, inappropriate affection, evil, concupiscent, lust, evil lust, covetousness, which is idolatry." Again, I wanna remind us, we're leaving the body out of this, okay? We're just focusing on the mind. "Just to do all of this in the mind is to do this before God." And if we do this in body, we suffer earthly consequences. If we commit fornication, there's earthly consequences that come with that. You commit murder, there's earthly consequences that come with that. But to do these things in the mind brings spiritual eternal consequences with it. So, verse five, He said, "Mortify your members," that means kill all of that. Kill all of that. Verse five, "Mortify therefore

your members, which are upon the Earth, fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil, concupiscence, covetousness, which is idolatry. For which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience." This is why God's wrath comes on people. It's because of what they are and what they do. He said in the witch, "You also walked sometime when you lived in them, but now you also put off all these." Anger, don't ever get angry ever again. Wrath, malice, you know, wishing ill on somebody. Blasphemy, filthy communication outta your mouth, "Lie not one to another. Seeing you have put off the old man with his deeds." You don't do that anymore. What He's saying is, change your ways. That'd be a good idea. That'd be a good thing to do. Change your ways. Look right here at verse 12. If you're in Colossians three with me. He said, "Put on therefore as the elect of God." God has an elect people. "Put on therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved, vows of mercy, a heart of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering." That's patience. He's saying, be holy don't be sinful, be holy. Our Lord said, "Be ye holy as I'm holy." Now, let ask you a question. Has anybody ever done that? I know people like to put on the air that they have. They like to pretend like they have, and they like to tell people that they have. They go around self righteously acting holier than thou and oh, I don't do those things anymore. I'm not a sinner anymore. 1 John one says if a man says that he doesn't sin, he calling God a liar. That's a sin. So, men like to pretend, but no soul on Earth has ever done that. All you gotta do is go into your mind, and you know that's so. No one has ever achieved the holiness of Jesus Christ. Not in body, mind, heart. I haven't. I would love to. I wish I could, but I'm not going to be able to as long as I'm in sinful flesh. The Lord's gonna have to lay this body of death and sin down before that will ever be a possibility for me. Look at 1 Thessalonians four, if you're turning. 1 Thessalonians 4:1 says, "Furthermore, then we beseech you brethren and exhort you by the Lord Jesus that as you have received of us how you ought to walk and to please God. So you would abound more and more. For you know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God. Even your sanctification, your holiness. That you should abstain from fornication. That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in

sanctification and honor not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles, which no not God. That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter, because that the Lord is the avenger of all such. As we also have forewarned you and testified for God hath not called us to uncleanness, but to holiness." God has called us to holiness. Now, what do we have to do to achieve holiness? We have to obey every word, every law, every commandment in this book, all of it. We cannot break one word of it. We have to be what this book tells us we have to be in mind, heart, body, everything. From the crown of our head to the sole of our foot inside and out. We have to be sinless. We have to be perfect according to the words of this book. We have to put off the old sinful man of the flesh, and we have to put on the new holy man of Christ. Now, if you are not one of God's people, you may have yourself convinced that you've done that. You may have yourself convinced that you've done that. But if God has opened your eyes to the truth of the matter, if God has opened your eyes to your sin, and He will. When God's holy Spirit comes, the first thing He does is convinces a soul of sin. Sin, that's what will happen. And if God has done that, then you carry a very heavy labored burden over the fact that you are not what this Bible says you ought to be. You're not. You read this and you say, "That's not me." You do not do what this Bible says you ought to do. You do not live like this Bible says you ought to live. And to that, I say, come to Christ. Listen to me on this. Come to Christ. Know and believe in your heart that Christ is our holiness. This flesh is not my holiness. Christ is my holiness. He is the holiness of His people. Not only did He achieve holiness, He is holiness. Your holiness, my holiness. He is the holiness of everything that we need to satisfy God. Everything that He did, while he lived on this Earth, was holy. He only obeyed this book, that's all that He did. Every word, every law, every commandment. Christ was for His people. He did this to give this record of living to His people. He came to be the substitute of His people. And everything that He did was what this book said His people had to do. Christ lived like the book said we have to live. That's the whole reason He came. He came to fulfill all the work that had to be done. Not half of the work, all of the work. He took away from us everything that we've done and he put in its place everything that we haven't done. He removed the sin and He

established the righteousness. When it comes to every good thing that we needed to be before God, Christ accomplished it there for us. Therefore, let's come to Christ. Don't come to the law. People get so sad over their sin and they think that they need to come to this book right here, okay? They think they need to come to this law. They come to this. I'm gonna get in this Bible. It says, I have to do this and I have to quit doing that. Don't come to the law, come to Christ. Do you see what this is saying? Do you see this difference here? Come to Christ. Romans 10 says men and women are going about trying to establish their own righteousness and they have not come to Christ. Who is the only righteousness that there is. The only righteousness God will accept, come to Christ. We don't go to the law to satisfy God. Only Christ has satisfied God. We go to Him. He obeyed the law for us. We come to Him and we trust and rest in the fact that that's so. We come to Him believing in the heart. He put away all of our wrong and established all of our right. Come to Christ. Forgiveness from sin is in Christ. The fulfillment of the law is in Christ. No man can come to Him except the Father, which sent Him draws that man or woman. So, this is our prayer. Lord, draw us to Christ. Pray that in your heart. Lord, draw me to Christ and save my soul. May the Lord do that. May He make it so. Amen.