## **Unvitation (We Believe)**

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## Author: Micheal Green wrote, "Evangelism in the Early Church"

Christianity was supremely a lay movement, spread by informal missionaries. It was the <u>spontaneous outreach by the total Christian community</u> that gave immense impetus to this movement from the outset.

Revelation 22:12-17 (NLT) 12 "Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life. 15 Outside the city are the dogs—the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshipers, and all who love to live a lie.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star." 17 <u>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come.</u> Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.

3 Things we see in this scripture.

- 1. The Personality of God.
- 2. Power of Christ's Invitation
  - a. Isaiah 1:18
  - b. Isaiah 55:1
- 3. Participation of the Christian

## • We who have been changed by the gospel should become instruments of change for the gospel.

2 Corinthians 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

## • Never underestimate the power of an invitation.

What was responsible for your coming to Christ or coming to church?

- 2% said a Special Need
- 3% just walked in
- 6% said, I liked the minister
- 1% said I was just visiting
- 5% said I like Sunday School
- .5% said I attended a gospel meeting.
- 3% said they like the programs
- <u>79% A friend or relative invited me.</u>