

"CHRIST'S GOSPEL CALL"**Introduction**

1. Christ's stern words to the gospel-haters
2. Christ's joy in God's holy will
3. Christ's free offer to needy sinners
APPLICATION: Do you feel your need?

1. CHRIST GIVES A WELCOME TO POOR SINNERS

- 1) "Come unto Me"
 - (i) to escape from the evils of this world
 - (ii) to get forgiveness for past sins
 - (iii) to have your soul set free by the truth
 - (iv) to receive the Holy Spirit into your life
 - (v) to become a child of God
 - (vi) to be prepared for death when it calls
 - (vii) to be fit to enter heaven's glory
- 2) The best journey is the one to Christ:
 - (i) look at all the people travelling here + there
 - (ii) look at all the foreign holidays (Hotel Brochure)
 - (iii) restless climbers / endless flights to – where?**APPLICATION**: Here is the perfect journey – to CHRIST
"Come unto ME". Have you come?

2. AS SINNERS WE NEED TO FEEL OUR PROBLEM

- 1) "Labour, heavy laden" – why not all people?
ANSWER: Because, though all are welcome, we need to feel our need.
ILLUSTRATION: a child who will not come to its mother – then comes a big dog!
- 2) What are our real problems:
 - (i) we are in love with this world

- (ii) we do not see our danger
ILLUSTRATION: drunk figures for London, etc.
- (iii) we fancy we have plenty of time
ILLUSTRATION: animal caught suddenly in a snare
- (iv) We are so foolish – we need God to wake us up to our real need.
ILLUSTRATION: Joni Eareckson's experience

- 3) Face the facts and be wise:
 - (i) If God did not spare Christ; will He spare us?
 - (ii) If rebels perished (Korah), shall we escape?
 - (iii) Is God not telling the truth in the Bible?
 - (iv) Will you get a second chance?
 - (v) Has anyone of God's enemies come back?
APPLICATION: So Christ, in love, cries "Come to Me".

3. CHRIST TELLS US WHAT WE MUST DO TO BE SAVED

- 1) "Come to me": How do we come?
 - (i) by knowledge of what He has done
 - (ii) by prayer: "Lord, remember me"
- 2) "Take my yoke"
 - (i) an illustration from farming
 - (ii) be willing to walk for Christ on earth
APPLICATION: Do what you can for Christ
- 3) "Learn of me":
 - (i) To be a disciple / love God / to do good
 - (ii) He is the meekest Teacher of all
- 4) The promised blessings
 - (i) "rest" – for our souls: perfect salvation
 - (ii) a "yoke" that is easy
 - (iii) a "burden" that is light
ILLUSTRATION: Eric Liddell

CONCLUSION

1. Would you ignore your Bank? (£5,000 cheque)
2. Would you ignore the Queen? (MBE)
3. Will you ignore the Son of God? (Glory)

PSALM

95: 1 – 6

119: 33 – 40

34: 11 – 16