

- Before this appeal in vs. 17 Jesus has already said that He is coming soon two different times
 - o 22:7 22:12 This builds anticipation for this consummation of the ages
 - o 3 different persons or groups voice their anticipation and yearning for the 2nd Coming
 - The Holy Spirit the Bride (holy people) the hearers
- The Spirit says, "Come!"
 - o The Person of the Holy Spirit was directly involved in Jesus' first coming - Luke 1:35
 - And He eagerly anticipates and yearns for the 2nd Coming
 - o John 16:13-14 lists some of the work/ministry of the Holy Spirit
 - "He will tell you what is yet to come"
 - The Spirit teaches us about the future = 2nd Coming
 - "He will glorify Me" (a Spirit filled church is a Christ centered church)
 - The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus and the 2nd Coming is the glorious appearing. Titus 2:13 Matt. 16:27 Matt. 25:31
 - o The Spirit will not always strive with sinful man Gen. 6:3
 - The Spirit is grieved with mankind's sin and so He says, "COME!" (Luke 12:49)
- The Bride says, "Come!"
 - o The Bride= the Church Eph. 5:25ff Rev. 19:7 Rev. 21:9
 - o No one anticipates a wedding more than a bride.
 - o The church yearns for her husband to come so the wedding can happen (Rev. 19:9)
 - o 2 Tim. 4:7-8 - longed for His appearing Heb. 9:28 - those waiting
 - o Are you anticipating and looking forward to Christ's coming? The Bride says, "Come!"

- And let the one who hears say, "Come!"
 - o Those who hear the message are encouraged to anticipate and prepare for 2nd coming.
 - o There is an opportunity to be eager for His coming rather than a dread- Rev. 6:16-17

Confirmation - Rev. 22:20

- The Spirit prays, the Bride prays and the hearers are encouraged to pray
 - o These prayer are promised to be answered - Rev. 22:20 "Yes, I am coming soon"
- Jesus confirms 3 times in final chapter that He is coming back
 - Truly, truly....truly is say unto you
 - o John 14:1-3
 - o Isn't it good to have such precious promises for God?
- Not all are convinced of this confirmation from the lips of Jesus
 - o 2 Peter 3:3-4
 - o Mockers will chide us but we convinced
 - o Scoffers will scoff but the Spirit says, "Come!"
 - o The world disbelieves but the Brides and says, "Come!" - her Husband has confirms it
- John is one who heard it and he throws in his amen
 - o Rev. 22:20b 1 Cor. 16:22 - maranatha = come, Lord
 - o When the world mocks, say "maranatha". That is a prayer that will be answered

Invitation - Rev. 22:17b

It is so gracious of God to end this book of Revelation with an invitation. Coming judgment is clearly announced in this book of but so too is Gods free offer of salvation

- Jesus is coming so come to Christ before He does and receive His salvation
- The invitation is for the needy "let the one who is thirsty"
 - o John 7:37 Psalm 42:1-2
 - o Do you know your need for God?
 - o Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness ...filled Matt. 5:6
 - o If you know you need righteousness you can have it by faith Rom. 1:16-17
 - By faith you get all that Jesus is
- The invitation is for those who wish for eternal life
 - o You cannot earn it but you have to want it
 - o It is freely given by a gracious God Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7
 - The last words of the Bible is about grace Rev. 22:21
- The Spirit and bride are asking Jesus to come and are anticipating it
 - o Jesus gives His confirmation "I am coming soon" and John says maranatha
- But Jesus also gives and invitation and says "come" Matt. 11:28-30