

SERMON OUTLINE MAY 8, 2016

The Last Prayer in the Bible

Revelation 22:20

INTRODUCTION: A "come Lord Jesus prayer' in seminary . . .

I. WE HAVE ALL IN SOME WAY PRAYED A 'COME LORD JESUS PRAYER'

- A. Often we wish He would come sooner than later
- B. The Church through the ages has prayed this prayer (Revelation 22:20)

II. WE PRAY THIS FOR TWO BASIC REASONS

- A. We pray this because it is not safe here (Revelation 22:15)
 - 1. Look at our world today (note the news headlines . . .)
 - 2. It's not just the blatant but also the "sneaky" evil around us
 - 3. This evil tempts us to live like the unbelievers all around us
- B. We pray this because we want to go home
 - 1. The children's song: Heaven is A Wonderful Place
 - 2. Heaven is home because Jesus is there
 - 3. God has placed eternity in our hearts (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

III. WE PRAY 'COME QUICKLY', BUT JESUS HAS NOT ANSWERED THIS PRAYER YET

- A. So He makes us an offer as we travel through this life: come where He is to be found (Revelation 22:17)
- B. Where? –

in the midst of His family / our temporary home . . . the Church

- C. "An ice storm & a temporary home in a storm . . . "
- D. Here we are welcomed... clothed... fed... & given a place to rest
- E. Here we are reminded that one day we will truly be home, tears replaced with joy

CONCLUSION:

"Tears wiped away at the front door . . . 'Daddy's come back!'"