

## **Matthew 11:28-30 – Come to Christ**

28 *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”* These words are a wonderful invitation. There is no other like it!

### **1. Come to Christ, because you need to**

Jesus invites those who are “weary”. Life without God is tiring and full of trouble. God made us for himself. Without him our lives are empty. Our souls cannot rest until they rest in God. Wherever we go, we will not find true joy or purpose without Christ.

Jesus invites those who are “burdened”. We are weighed down by our sins. Every day we add to our guilt and deserved punishment. This load will sink us down into hell. Have you felt the burden of your sins? Who can release you? Christ can! He carried the whole load of the sins of believers to the cross of Calvary. There he was punished for them all. If we come to him, we have nothing to carry.

### **2. Come to Christ, because you are invited**

Who was Jesus speaking to? They were very wicked people – read 11:20-24. They deserved great judgment. Jesus had shown them his glory very clearly. They had seen many mighty miracles, but they would not repent. They had no excuse for rejecting the Son of God. Jesus says they were more guilty than even Sodom (Genesis 18-19). But Jesus invited them to come, if they felt their burden. Jesus gave this invitation to “all” who were weary and burdened. Nobody is too bad. The apostle Paul was a blasphemer and persecutor (1 Timothy 1:13), even involved in the murder of Stephen (Acts 22:20). But God had mercy on him, to show us just how great his mercy is (1 Timothy 1:13-15).

To “come” to Jesus means to trust him. It means to believe in him as the only Saviour, and rely on his death on the cross. It means to commit ourselves to him – taking his “yoke” (v30). It is not the same as coming to church, or walking to the front of an evangelistic meeting. We “come” in our hearts and souls, and we can do that anyway. So come now!

### **3. Come to Christ, because you have a promise**

Jesus promised us “rest” - rest for our souls. We know how good it is to sleep after a day of work. After a good sleep our bodies feel new! Jesus can make our souls new. He can give us peace with God, and joy in God, forever. He can take away our fear of hell. He can make God to be our Father. This is all promised for free. He says he will *give* us rest – not sell it, or loan it, or show us it – but give it! This is like a large cheque given to us – we just need to take it to the bank. We need to come to Jesus. There is no other like him. You will never find an offer like this. So why don't you come, today? Nobody who came to Jesus was ever sorry.