

## "I AM COMING, LORD!"

### INTRODUCTION

1. When a person comes to Jesus in response to the gospel...
  - a. They are responding to the call of the Lord
  - b. They will receive wonderful blessings in Christ
2. A familiar song that describes these truths is **"I Am Coming, Lord"**...
  - a. Words and tune by Lewis Hartsough (1828-1919)
  - b. Frequently used as an invitation song following a sermon

[From the words of this song as found in many hymnals, let's consider the call of the gospel and the blessings enjoyed by those who come to the Lord...]

### I. FIRST VERSE

#### **A. THE WORDS OF THE SONG...**

I hear Thy welcome voice,  
That calls me, Lord, to Thee,  
For cleansing in Thy precious blood  
That flowed on Calvary.

#### **B. REFLECTING ON THE WORDS...**

1. The first verse reminds us that God calls us, through the gospel - [2Th 2:14](#); *"to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. [Mk 16:15-16](#) "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."*
2. The gospel calls us to benefit from the sacrifice of Christ for our sins - [1Co 15:1-3](#) *"Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all*
3. Chief among those blessings is the remission of sins through His blood - [Ep 1:7](#) *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."*

[Have you heard the voice of the Lord calling you through His gospel...?]

### II. SECOND VERSE

#### **A. THE WORDS OF THE SONG...**

Though coming weak and vile,  
Thou dost my strength assure;  
Thou doest my vileness fully cleanse,  
Till spotless all and pure.

## B. REFLECTING ON THE WORDS...

1. The second verse tells us that we come to Jesus as we are (weak and sinful) - cf. [Lk 5:27-32](#); "After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he left all, rose up, and followed Him. Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax...."

[Lk 19:10](#) "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

2. Blessings in Christ described are twofold: strength and cleansing - [Jn 8:34-36](#); "Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

[Php 4:13](#) "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

3. Jesus offers freedom from both the guilt of sin and the bondage of sin - [Ro 8:1-2](#), "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."  
[12-13](#)

[Do not assume you must become righteous and strong before you can come to Jesus...!]

## III. THIRD VERSE

### A. THE WORDS OF THE SONG...

'Tis Jesus calls me on  
To perfect faith and love;  
To perfect hope, and peace and trust,  
For earth and heaven above.

### B. REFLECTING ON THE WORDS...

1. The third verse describes our growth in Christ after coming to the Lord - cf. [2Pe 3:18](#); "but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

[1:5-11](#)

2. For we are not only to respond to His grace in conversion, but to bear fruit for God's glory as well - [Mt 28:19-20](#); "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen."

[Jn 15:8](#)

3. Our service will be both on earth and in heaven above - cf.

[Re 2:25-27](#); [3:20-22](#); [22:1-5](#)

[Thus Jesus call us to grow in grace and service; will we respond to His call...?]

#### IV. CHORUS

##### A. THE WORDS OF THE SONG...

I am coming, Lord!  
Coming now to Thee!  
Wash me, cleanse me in the blood  
That flowed on Calvary!

##### B. REFLECTING ON THE WORDS...

1. The chorus expresses the appeal for cleansing one desires when they respond to the gospel
2. The cleansing comes as one is baptized into Christ
  - a. For in baptism they are buried and crucified with Christ  
- [Ro 6:3-8](#) *"Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in"*
  - b. In which their sins are washed away by the blood of Christ  
- cf. [Ac 22:16](#) *"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."*
3. Thus baptism is for the remission of sins, and is an appeal for a good conscience
  - a. As proclaimed by Peter on the day of Pentecost - [Ac 2:38](#)
  - b. As expounded by Peter in his first epistle - [1Pe 3:21](#)

#### CONCLUSION

1. Have you heard the welcome voice of the Lord...?
  - a. You have if you've heard the gospel of Christ!
  - b. He is calling you even now!
2. Do you desire cleansing in the blood of Calvary? Continued growth in the grace of Christ...?
  - a. Come to the Lord in faith, repentance and baptism! - cf. **Ac 2:36-38**
  - b. You will receive Christ into your life by putting Him on in baptism  
- cf. [Ga 3:27](#) *"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."*

Saved by grace through faith, you will then walk in good works ordained by God... - [Ep 2:8-10](#) *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."*