2Timothy 1:9

- 2Tim. 1:9 "Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began"
- Mark 1:16-18 "And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 17 Then Jesus said to them, Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men. 18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him."

- Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
- Of our life's wild restless sea,
- Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
- Saying, "Christian, follow me."
- Jesus calls us from the worship
- Of the vain world's golden store:
- From each idol that would keep us,
- Saying, "Christian, love me more."

- In our joys and in our sorrows,
- Days of toil, and hours of ease,
- Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
- "Christian, love me more than these."
- Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,
- Savior, make us hear Thy call,
- Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
- Serve and love Thee best of all.

- The call of the Lord goes out to all today:
 - The call to know Him
 - The call to follow Him
 - The call to live with Him

Come Unto Me

- Matt. 11:28-30 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."
- This invitation is universal, from all of the saved to all of the lost.
 - Rev. 22:17 "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who thirsts come.
 Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

Come Unto Me

- To examine, test, and prove to ourselves and all others that the way of the Lord is superior in every way
 - Rom. 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Come Unto Me

- Come let us reason together. The heart cannot embrace what the mind cannot accept
 - Isa. 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together, Says the LORD, Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

Come After Me

• Matt. 16:24-26 - "Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Come After Me

- Walk worthy of the calling
 - Eph. 4:1-8 "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. 7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

Come After Me

- We are no longer our own. We are no longer slaves of sin and Satan; we are the esteemed servants of the Lord
 - 1Cor. 6:19-20 "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

• Matt. 25:31-34 - "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"

- Jesus is building houses for us.
 - John 14:1-6 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know. 5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

- The neighborhood where Jesus is building our houses
 - Rev. 21:23-27 "The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

- The neighborhood where Jesus is building our houses
 - Rev. 22:1-5 "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever."

- What will you do with the invitations of our Lord?
- Everyone wants to respond to the third invitation, but it is offered only to those who have come to Jesus in obeying the Gospel and who come after Jesus by living faithful in Him.