

You Have Come
Heb.12:22-24
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But you have come to: Mount Zion, City of the Living God, Heavenly Jerusalem, Innumerable Angels, the assembly of the Firstborn, to God, to the Spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus, and the New Covenant. (content from Heb.12:22-24)

The catch to this list that someone has come to rests in verse 23 concerning the assembly of the Firstborn. Those who have come to all of those elements are the ones "who are enrolled in Heaven,". The importance of all this is that to gain entrance into and before all these great and wonderful things that person must have first been enrolled into the right and privilege to be there.

One of Jesus parables, the wedding feast for the King's Son, ends with someone being bound and cast out because they failed to have on the wedding garments. (Mat.22:1-14) We do not have the power or authority to change God's Word or His heavenly plan or His divine process. It is He who writes the names in His book of life and it is He who has provided the only avenue thru which a person might enter therein.

It is true that Jesus died for the sins of the whole world. It is equally true that not all those

whom He died for are willing to accept His invitation to enter. It is also true that there are many who think they will enter by their own standards regardless of God's provisions for them.

God is a loving God. His desire is for all humanity to enter but there are far more who will not than who will. How sad this reality is. Since the beginning of the world the standards have been set and can not be altered. Daniel spoke of a future filled with great trouble. In that future everyone whose names were found written in the book would be delivered. (Dan.12:1-4)

When anyone truly comes to Jesus for redemption they gain everything contained in that previous list and so much more. This is our hope which God himself holds secure for us. No one can snatch them out of God's hands. But each of us is encouraged by the words written for our warning: "see that you do not refuse Him who is speaking." (Heb.12:25)

For all of us who have come to Jesus did not come to a voice out of the dark clouds and storm and fire but rather to Him who paid our way with His own blood. (Heb.12:18-25) When we are secured by the mighty hand of God it matters little what happens in the world around us. God is our refuge. (David in 2Sam.22:26-33) May the praise of our lips glorify the God of our redemption and salvation.