

## **“Come In-Come Out-Come Up”**

⇒ **Text:** Revelation 3:20-22, 2 Cor. 6:14-18, & Revelation 4:1-3

⇒ **Intro:**

o This morning I want us to see three ways how the word “come” is used in relation to the believer.

- 1) Come In of Salvation
- 2) Come Out of Separation
- 3) Come Up of Sanctification

⇒ **I. COME-IN – SALVATION**

o **Rev. 3:20**

o **John 10:9**

⇒ **II. COME-OUT – SEPARATION**

o **2 Cor. 6:14-18**

- **From the World – Should Be Obvious**

- **1 John 2:15-17**

- The Problem Many Christians Still Haven’t Come Out of the World.

- If friend of the world – **James 4:4**

- Many Christians like Lot sitting in the gate of Sodom

- Being among the unsaved vexed his soul

- Troubled his soul, he had no peace

- **See 2 Peter 2:7-8**

- **From Worldly or Carnal Christians**

- Many Christians have a struggle with this.

- Separation from worldly or carnal Christians

- Not preached but it is the Word of God.

- Favorite verse of Christians who don’t believe in separation is “A friend loveth at all times”

- Yes, we should love the person but still hate the sin.

- If person won’t get right then suppose to treat as if unsaved.

- **See Mt. 18:15-17.**

- The Apostle Paul calls them “enemies of the cross of Christ” – **Phil 3:18.**

- Carnal or worldly Christians cause envying, strife, and divisions within the church.

- Paul, addressed the problem in the church at Corinth

- **See 1 Cor. 3:1-3.**

o Paul exhorts the believer to separate from the carnal Christian in several of his epistles.

- **1 Cor. 5:11**

- railer – someone who rails on another person, scoffs, insults

- extortioner – wresting anything from a person by force.

- **Romans 16:17-18**

- **2 Thess. 3:6**
- o Often a Christian believes he can change the worldly or carnal Christian for the better.
  - The Apostle Paul warns about this in **1 Cor. 15:33**.
  - Don't fool yourself.
  - You fellowship with that person for any period of time and you will be as backslidden as they are.
- ⇒ **III. COME-UP – SANCTIFICATION**
  - o **Rev. 4:1 – “come up hither”**
  - o At the catching away of the church the body of Christ, each believer will be given a new glorified body.
  - o So, the believer will have total sanctification – body, soul, and spirit.
- ⇒ The expression **“come up hither”** is used three times.
  - o Here is **Rev. 4:1** – The church.
  - o Composed of all those who have been born again for the day of Pentecost to the rapture.
  - o **Prov. 25:7** – Old Testament Saints
    - Those who had been waiting in Abraham's Bosom in the center of the earth.
    - Waiting for the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
      - **See Mt. 27:50-53.**
      - **See Eph. 4:8**
      - **1 Pe 3:18-19** – prison – unsaved in hell
  - o **Rev. 11:12** – **Tribulation Saints go up with two witnesses**
- ⇒ **Conclusion:**
  - o Are you ready for the Lord's return?
  - o It is eminent.
  - o He could come at any time.
    - **See 1 Thess. 5:2**
    - **Mt. 24:44**
    - **1 Pe. 4:7**
    - **Rev. 3:3**