

III. (23-26) God has extended an _____ to all the world.

Life Change Application

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Matthew 20:28 (NLT) ...*“For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.”*

Matthew 26:28 (NCV) ...*“This is my blood which is the new agreement that God makes with his people. This blood is poured out for many to forgive their sins.”*

Hebrews 9:28 (NCV) ...*“... Christ was offered as a sacrifice one time to take away the sins of many people. And he will come a second time, not to offer himself for sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.”*

Revelation 5:9 (NLT) ...*“And they sang a new song with these words: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were killed, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.’”*

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**Answers:** ... inclusive ... exclusive ... Reacting ... true ... thrill ... troubled ... Seeking ... invitation.

## The Amazing Invitation!

John 12:17-26

**Matthew 24:1-3, 33 (NLT)** ...*“As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples pointed out to him the various Temple buildings. [2] But he told them, ‘Do you see all these buildings? I assure you, they will be so completely demolished that not one stone will be left on top of another!’*

[3] Later, Jesus sat on the slopes of the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and asked, ‘When will all this take place? And will there be any sign ahead of time to signal your return and the end of the world?’ ... [33] ‘Just so, when you see the events I’ve described beginning to happen, you can know his return is very near, right at the door.’”

**Dawson MacAllister** ... *If there is ever a generation that should be watching for the return of Christ .. it is this one.*

**Joel 3:1-2 (NLT)** ...*“At that time, when I restore the prosperity of Judah and Jerusalem,’ says the Lord, [2] ‘I will gather the armies of the world into the valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will judge them for harming my people, for scattering my inheritance among the nations, and for dividing up my land.’”*

**Revelation 14:14-20 (NLT)**

**Unknown** ... *The absence of leadership promotes anarchy.*

**Judges 17:6 (NLT)** ...*“In those days Israel had no king, so the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.”*

Q ... Are we all children of God?

**Galatians 4:3b-7 (NLT)** ... “... before Christ came .. we were slaves to the spiritual powers of this world. [4] But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. [5] God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. [6] And because you Gentiles have become his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, and now you can call God your dear Father. [7] Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, everything he has belongs to you.”

**John 14:6 (NLT)** ... “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

1. Christianity is \_\_\_\_\_ in that God offers the opportunity for *everyone* to be forgiven and saved through Jesus.

**2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)** ... “The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent.”

2. But Christianity is also \_\_\_\_\_ in that Jesus Christ is the *only way* to the Father in heaven.

**Acts 4:10-12 (NLT)** ... “Let me clearly state to you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed in the name and power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth, the man you crucified, but whom God raised from the dead. [11] For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘the stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’ [12] There is salvation in no one else! There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them.”

I. (17-19) The \_\_\_\_\_ Crowd.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ believers.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ seekers.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Pharisees.

### Q ... Who was really in this crowd?

**Matthew 10:5-6 (NLT)** ... “Jesus sent the twelve disciples out with these instructions: ‘Don't go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, [6] but only to the people of Israel—God's lost sheep.’”

**Matthew 24:14 (NLT)** ... “And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then, finally, the end will come.”

**Matthew 28:19 (NLT)** ... “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations ...”

II. (20-22) The \_\_\_\_\_ Gentiles.

**Romans 11:25-29 (NLT)** ... “I want you to understand this mystery, dear brothers and sisters, so that you will not feel proud and start bragging. Some of the Jews have hard hearts, but this will last only until the complete number of Gentiles comes to Christ. [26] And so all Israel will be saved. Do you remember what the prophets said about this? ‘A Deliverer will come from Jerusalem, and he will turn Israel from all ungodliness. [27] And then I will keep my covenant with them and take away their sins.’ [28] Many of the Jews are now enemies of the Good News. But this has been to your benefit, for God has given his gifts to you Gentiles. Yet the Jews are still his chosen people because of his promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. [29] For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn.”

\*I actually see *three groups* of people in this crowd: