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# Call to Worship from 1 Chronicles 29

*An ancient invitation into this sacred and powerful gathering*

**LEADER:**     <sup>10</sup> Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

**ALL:**         <sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

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**LEADER:**     <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

**ALL:**         <sup>13</sup> And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

*29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."*

The Gospel of  
**JOHN**  
"Come and See"

**John 10:22-33**

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**The Supremacy of Christ**

Even though we like to think we are becoming more like Jesus, the reverse is probably more the case: we try to make Jesus more like ourselves.

(Dr. Randy Smith)

“In the beginning God created man in His own image, and man has been trying to repay the favor ever since.”

Voltair

## Central Text #1: John 10:22-33

<sup>22</sup> At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.”

<sup>31</sup> The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” <sup>33</sup> The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.”

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# The Feast of Dedication *(also called Hanukkah or the Festival of Lights)*

Victory over Greek oppression  
Rededication of the Defiled Temple

Miraculous (“eternal”) Flame



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## Central Text #2: Revelation 1:4-8, 12-20

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

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<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

<sup>20</sup> As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.



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“Like”

Don't settle for a literal image.

Dig deep down the layers.

What was Jesus trying to reveal?

What was John trying to convey?

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Daniel; 7:9

“As I looked,  
thrones were placed,  
and the **Ancient of Days** took his seat;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames;  
its wheels were burning fire.

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(repeated 3 times in Revelation)

Proverbs 5:21

For a man's ways are before  
the eyes of the LORD,  
and he ponders all his paths.

Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the LORD are in every place,  
keeping watch on the evil and the good.

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## Daniel 2

<sup>31</sup> “You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening.

<sup>32</sup> The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, <sup>33</sup> its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

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## Genesis 1

<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

<sup>6</sup> And God said...<sup>9</sup> And God said...

<sup>11</sup> And God said...<sup>14</sup> And God said...

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## Psalms 29:3-4

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
The God of glory thunders;  
The LORD is over many waters.  
The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

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## Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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## Exodus 33

<sup>20</sup> But,” (God) said (to Moses), “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” <sup>21</sup> And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

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## Numbers 6

<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you;  
<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

## Revelation 22:4

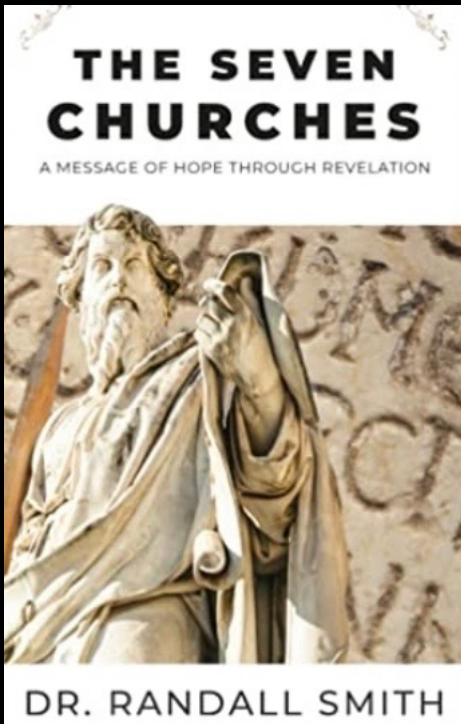
They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.  
<sup>5</sup> And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.



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<sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.





There is no ruler with whom Jesus truly competes for control. One day, every courtroom will be silent. Every legislature will be empty. Every hall of power will cease. Jesus will reign Supreme as the King above all.

*Dr. Randy Smith, "The Seven Churches"*

# Because Jesus is The Christ...

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5<sup>b</sup> To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Revelation 21:9

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying,

“Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

# Because Jesus is The Christ ... *I Can*

- Love: Kingdom of Priests
- Peace: Cannot be snatched out
  - Worship: Stand in Awe

# Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary

Suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead and buried;



# Apostles' Creed

He descended into hell  
The third day he rose again from the dead  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty  
From thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead

# Apostles' Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit  
I believe a holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints  
The forgiveness of sins  
The resurrection of the body  
And the life everlasting.

Amen.

(\* "catholic" means unified)

# Benediction

(“good word”)

*A 4000 years old tradition of giving a corporate blessing over God’s people.*

Numbers 6:24-26

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