

## *The Invitation*

***“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only and One Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”  
(John 3:16)***

As you well know, we are getting closer to what the people say my birthday. Every year there is a celebration in my honor and I think that this year the celebration will be repeated.

During this time there are many people shopping for gifts, there are many radio announcements, TV commercials, and in every part of the world everyone is talking that my birthday is getting closer and closer.

As you know, the celebration of such began many years ago. I did not ask for such but people started to do that. Family and friends get together and have a lot of fun.

I remember the last year there was a great feast in my honor. The dinner table was full of delicious foods, pastries, fruits, assorted nuts and chocolates. The decorations were exquisite and there were many, many beautiful wrapped gifts. But, do you want to know something? I wasn't invited. I was the guest of honor but they didn't remember to send me an invitation. The party according to them was for me, but when that great day came, I was left outside, they close the door in my face... .

In truth, that didn't surprise me because in the last few years all close their doors to me. Since I wasn't invited, I decided to enter the party without making any noise. I went in and stood in a corner. They were all drinking some who were drunk were telling jokes and laughing at everything. They were having a grand time. To top it all this big fat man dressed in red and wearing a long white beard entered the room yelling, “Ho-Ho-Ho!” He seemed drunk. He sat on the sofa and all the children run to him, saying, “Santa Claus, Santa Claus” as if the party were in his honor.

At 12 midnight all the people began to hug each other; I extended my arms waiting for someone to hug me and... do you know... no one hugged me.

Suddenly they all began to share gifts. They opened them one by one with great expectation. When all had been opened, I looked to if, maybe, there was for me. What would you feel if they shared gifts and you did not get one? I then understood that I was unwanted at the party, and so quietly I left.

Every year it gets worse. People only remember to eat and drink, the gifts, the parties and nobody remembers me.

I would like this year that you allow me to enter your life. I would like that you recognize the fact that almost two thousand years ago I came to this world to give my life for you. I died on the cross to pay the penalty of your sins, and I rose from death to save you.

Today, I only want that you believe this with all your heart. I want to share something with you. As many didn't invite me to their party, I will have my own celebration, a grandiose party that no one has ever imagined, and a spectacular party. I'm still making the final arrangements.

Today I am sending out many invitations and what's in your hands is an invitation for you. I want to know if you wish to attend and I will make a reservation for you and write your name in my book of life. Only those on this book will be invited to the party. Those who don't answer the invitation will be left outside. Be prepared because when all is ready you will be a part of my great party.

See you soon. I love YOU!

*Jesus Christ*

If you are willing to accept the invitation, say this prayer from your heart:

*“Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross to pay the penalty of my sins. Thank You for your great love for me. From the depth of my heart I accept your invitation, I am willing to honor You and follow you and do your will all the days of my life. Please write my name in the book of life. Thank You, Lord. This is my prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.”*