



## *Pastor's Comments*

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### **Come As You Are!**

Early one morning fire broke out in a house on a narrow street. The alarm was sounded by a policeman on duty. Before the fire engines could get to the scene, however, flames were leaping high into the air. Suddenly a young man appeared at an upper window in his pajamas. Firemen quickly placed a ladder against the burning building. But to the consternation of all, **he refused to come down**, shouting back that he had to **get dressed first**. The firemen pleaded, "**Come as you are! Come as you are!**" but to no avail. From below they tried to ascend the stairs, but were turned back as the wind fanned the flames into fury. When a rescuer tried to enter through a window, the heat and smoke forced him away. Suddenly the stairs gave way and the roof fell in. The man had **waited too long** and was buried beneath the ruins.

How much **greater tragedy awaits** all who refuse to "flee from the wrath to come" (Matt. 3:7). Many reject God's offer and provision of salvation because they want to **get dressed first** in clothes of self-works and self-righteousness. Their delay could cost them their souls.

Just as the firemen pled so Jesus pleads with you, "**Come unto me**, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). **Come as you are** and He will accept you for He promises, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). **Come now** while there is yet time for "**now is the day of salvation**" (2 Cor. 6:2).

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