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The Name of Jesus

We must never forget that all power and authority is invested in the Name of Jesus. His Name is above every name.

Philippians 2:9, 10 says, "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth."

Ephesians 1:19-22 says, "...and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things..."

God not only gave His Son, Jesus, a name before which every being in three worlds must bow and confess His lordship, but God seated Him in the highest place in the universe, at His own right hand, and made Him to be the head over all things.

For what purpose?

Why did God give Jesus a name that is above every name? Why was He granted such authority? Why is all the power and authority invested in His Name? For what purpose was all this done?

It is for the benefit of the church. Jesus gave His Name to the church to use to fulfill His plans and purposes. In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus said that all authority was given to Him and then commanded us as believers to go and teach all nations. Mark 16:15-18 tells us to go in His Name. We are to preach and teach in His Name, cast out devils in His Name, and heal the sick in His Name.

There is salvation in the Name of Jesus. Acts 4:12 says, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

The Hebrew and Greek words for salvation imply the ideas of deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and soundness. Salvation is an all inclusive word of the Gospel. It includes all the redemptive acts and processes. All that salvation implies is wrapped up in the Name of Jesus.

Romans 10:13 declares, "...whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." We are washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 6:11).

We are told to pray in His Name. In John 16:23b, Jesus said, "...whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you."

Power in the Name

We exercise our authority as believers by the Name of Jesus. In John 14:13, 14, Jesus said, "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

The Greek literally says, "Whatever you shall demand as your rights and privileges, that shall I do." Strong's concordance states that the word translated "ask" means "to demand something due."

These verses are not talking about prayer in which we would ask God for something. We do not demand anything of God. Jesus said this in the context of doing the same works that He did (John 14:12). The works He did were primarily preaching, teaching, casting out devils, and healing the sick.

The believers in the book of Acts went in His Name and did the same works that He did. The healing of the man at the gate of the temple was done by the Name of Jesus (Acts 3:1-8).

In Acts 3:16a, Peter said, "And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong..." Later, when arrested and questioned by the religious leaders, Peter said, "Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you



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Great Falls, MT - Oct. 18, 21

Youth Workers Conference
Helena, MT - Oct. 24

Church on the Rock
Butte, MT - Oct. 25 AM

Xtreme Life Church
Great Falls, MT - Oct. 25 PM

Xtreme Passion Youth Rally
Lakeville, MN - Oct. 30, 31

Xtreme Life Training Center
Willmar, MN - Nov. 3-6

Xtreme Life Church
Great Falls, MT - Nov. 8, 11, 15

AFCM Meetings
Great Falls, MT - Nov. 9
Moorhead, MN - Nov. 20

Xtreme Life Training Center
Willmar, MN - Nov. 17-19

Faith In Christ Fellowship
Cherokee, IA - Nov. 22

Xtreme Life Church
Great Falls, MT - Nov. 29

AFCM Meetings
Sioux Falls, SD - Dec. 3
Auburn, NE - Dec. 4
Savage, MN - Dec. 10

Xtreme Passion Youth Rally
Rockport, MO - Dec. 5

Grace Community Church
Rockport, MO - Dec. 6

Victory Chapel
Columbus, MT - Dec. 13 AM

crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands before you whole.” (Acts 4:10)

These religious leaders could not deny the fact that this man was healed by the Name. But being motivated by the devil, they were concerned that this spread no further. So, they decided to forbid Peter and John to speak to people in the Name of Jesus (Acts 4:13-18).

Of course, they did not obey this command. In fact, after being let go, they returned to their own company of believers and prayed that they would have even more boldness to speak and that healings, signs and wonders would be done by the Name of Jesus (Acts 4:19-30).

It is interesting that the devil was afraid of the Name of Jesus. He did not want them using the Name. The devil is still afraid of that Name and is doing all he can to keep people from using that Name. Today, you can still pray in many public places but not in the Name of Jesus.

Faith in the Name

We must have faith in the Name. We must never stop using that Name. We have authority and must exercise it by the Name of Jesus. Jesus is with us when we use His Name.

Jesus said that He would be with us always, even unto the end of the world (Matthew 18:20). Mark 16:20 says, “And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through accompanying signs.”

In Matthew 18:20, Jesus declared, “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” When we do things in His Name, He is there with us. When we demand things in His Name, He is there to do it (John 14:13-14). He will see to it that it gets done.

We have authority over the powers of darkness in His Name. We have protection from the evil of this world in His Name. When we lay hands on the sick in His Name, Jesus will see to it that they are

healed. Whatever we demand as our rights and privileges, that shall He do. He is with us when we use His Name. There is power in the Name.

When Jesus gave us the legal right to use His Name, He knew that He and all of heaven would stand behind it. The Father also knew all that that Name would imply when used in prayer and it is his joy to recognize that Name.

Whatever we do, we are to do it in the Name of Jesus. Colossians 3:17 says, “And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

The New Covenant commandment is that we love one another and believe on the Name. In First John 3:23, the Apostle John said, “And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.” As believers, we are to walk in love and have faith in the Name of Jesus. Quite simple, yet powerful.

Confession holds an important place in connection with the Name of Jesus. We should confess our faith in Jesus as a person, but we should also confess our faith in the Name of Jesus.

According to Romans 10:9, 10, there is no salvation without confession, yet salvation is in the Name (Acts 4:12). We are to call on the Name (Romans 10:13). Our Christian experience begins with a confession of our faith in the Name of Jesus.

Then, we are told to hold fast to our confession in Hebrews 4:14. Our faith is measured by our confession. We can never realize beyond our confession. The Name of Jesus will work for us when we begin to confess what that Name will do.

Every time we confess weakness, failure, doubt, and fear, we go to the level of them. Our last confession undermines our authority and faith in the Name of Jesus.

Be bold to use the Name and have faith in the Name, and Jesus will be with you to see to it that it comes to pass. There is power in the Name of Jesus!

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