

Message Four

Praying in the Name of the Lord Jesus

Scripture Reading: Phil. 2:9-11; Eph. 5:20; Col. 3:17; John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-24

- I. The Lord's name is the expression of the sum total of what the Lord Jesus is in His person and work; *in the name of Jesus* means in the sphere and element of all that the Lord is—Phil. 2:9-11; Acts 3:6.**
- II. The name *Jesus* is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew name *Joshua*, which means “Jehovah the Savior,” or “the salvation of Jehovah”; this name includes the name *Jehovah*, which means “I Am Who I Am”—Matt. 1:21; Exo. 3:14:**
 - A. The name of Jesus is above every name; since the Lord's ascension, there has not been a name on earth above the name of Jesus—Phil. 2:9-11.
 - B. The exalted name of Jesus is for us to believe into (John 1:12), to be baptized into (Acts 8:16; 19:5), to be saved (4:12), to be healed (3:6; 4:10), to be washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Cor. 6:11), to call upon (Rom. 10:13; 1 Cor. 1:2), to pray in (John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:24), to be gathered into (Matt. 18:20), to cast out demons (Mark 16:17; Acts 16:18), and to speak boldly in (9:27).
 - C. Satan hates the name of Jesus and utilizes people to attack the name of Jesus—4:17-18; 5:40; 26:9.
 - D. The Lord Jesus praised the overcomers in Philadelphia because they did not deny His name; the recovered church has abandoned all names other than that of the Lord Jesus Christ, belonging to the Lord absolutely—Rev. 3:8.
- III. The name of Jesus signifies authority and power and denotes the fact that God has given Him the all-transcending authority and power, and being in the name of Jesus is for the believers to partake of His name and use this name—Matt. 28:18; Acts 3:6; 4:7, 10:**
 - A. To be in the name of the Lord Jesus means that the Lord is bold enough to commit His name to our hands and allow us to use this name—Mark 16:17.
 - B. The church is a group of people on earth who can use the Lord's name, and God takes responsibility for their action as they use this name—Acts 16:18.
 - C. There are three results of acting in the Lord's name:
 1. God has called men out of the nations into His name; this is the effect of the acting in the Lord's name on man—Matt. 28:19; Acts 3:2-6; 22:16.
 2. With the Lord's name, we can deal with all the power of the enemy; this is the effect of the acting in the Lord's name on the devil—Luke 10:17-19; Acts 16:18.
 3. The Lord's name enables us to go to the Father and speak to Him, and our prayer is answered because of the Lord's name; this is the effect of the acting in the Lord's name toward God—John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:24.
- IV. We need to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus—Eph. 5:20; Col. 3:17:**
 - A. To be in the Lord's name means to be one with the Lord, to live by the Lord, and to let the Lord live in us—1 Cor. 6:17; John 6:57; Gal. 2:20:

1. The Lord came and did things in the Father's name, meaning that He was one with the Father, that He lived by the Father, and that the Father worked in Him—John 5:43; 10:25, 30.
 2. In the Acts the disciples as the expression of the Lord did even greater things in the Lord's name; they needed to have the Son living in them in order that the Son might be expressed as the Spirit—John 14:12, 19; Acts 3:6; 4:7, 10, 12; 16:18.
- B. In our Christian life and service, we need to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus—Eph. 5:20; Col. 3:17.
- C. Ephesians 5:20 and Colossians 3:17 indicate that we have been put into a oneness with the Lord; because we are one with Him, we can use and act in His name:
1. When we are in the name of the Lord Jesus, we are in Christ, Christ is in us, and we are one with Christ—John 14:20; 1 Cor. 1:30; 6:17.
 2. To do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus should always remind us that He is one with us, that we are in Him and He in us, that He lives in us, and that we should live in Him—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20-21a.
 3. When we declare that we are doing things in the name of the Lord Jesus, the whole universe is reminded that there are people who are absolutely one with Christ; the angels honor this, and all the demons are afraid of this—Acts 3:6; 4:7, 10; 16:18.
- D. To do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus is the basic aspect of our Christian life, yet there is also the aspect of regulation; we must be regulated by God's word and by God's will—Matt. 7:21-23.
- V. We should pray in the name of the Lord Jesus—John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-24:**
- A. Through resurrection the Lord Jesus was born as the firstborn Son of God and also became the life-giving Spirit, and now we, the believers, in the Spirit, by the Spirit, and with the Spirit can be one with Him—1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17.
- B. The reality of the Lord's name is the all-inclusive compound Spirit, who is in our spirit—S. S. 1:3; Exo. 30:23-30; Phil. 1:19; 1 Cor. 6:17.
- C. To be in the Lord's name means to be one with the Lord, to live by the Lord, and to let the Lord live in us, and to pray "in My name" simply means to pray "in Me"—John 15:4-5, 16; 14:19-20; Gal. 2:20.
- D. To ask in the Lord's name requires us to abide in the Lord and to let Him and His words abide in us so that we may actually be one with Him—John 15:4-5:
1. While the Lord is moving, acting, motivating, and energizing within us, we will express what we feel within; this is prayer in the spirit—Eph. 6:18.
 2. When we abide in the Lord and let His words abide in us, we are actually one with Him, and He is working within us; then whatever we pray, it is not only we who are praying, for He is praying in our praying—John 15:7.
 3. We cannot have this kind of prayer on our own; this prayer in the spirit comes from the indwelling Christ, through the Spirit, and by His word—14:19-20; 15:7.