

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”

Colossians 3:17 NASB

Recently on a trip to worship the Lord at The Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem, I came to realize again that there are many works being done for the Jews that are not in accordance with the scriptures and the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I have been sending support to Israel monthly for over 40 years, and count it a great privilege and joy, as well as responsibility to do so. However, for the Lord to receive the glory, to accomplish God’s purposes, and for us to receive the proper reward, we must understand that whatever we do, it must be done “IN JESUS’ NAME!” If we give to a Jewish organization which in turn helps meet the needs of their people in their name, God is not glorified, the only name by which anyone can be saved, Jesus, is not honored, and His gospel is not presented for the eternal welfare of those who are receiving the ministry. When we give of our substance and resources, we must do it in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ so that those receiving realize that it is their Lord and Savior, who is furnishing the earthly benefit, and they owe Him their thanksgiving and praise, and they have the opportunity of accepting Him for their eternal welfare.

Throughout the scriptures we are told repeatedly that it was to be the specific name of the Lord, YHWH, to be called over His people. Not just the words, “the name of the Lord” because the false religions called their god “Lord” as well.

In the New Testament scriptures, we find it is the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that is used continually. For example, on the day the Holy Spirit was given, Peter said:

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

(Acts 2:38 KJV in all unless otherwise noted)

When Peter brought healing to the lame man at the temple, he said:

“Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth** rise up and walk.”

(Acts 3:6)

This so angered the religious Jews that would not accept the truth about Jesus that they took the apostles in custody and demanded the next morning an answer, saying:

“By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?”

“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for **there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. And beholding the man which was healed standing with

them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly **threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.** And they called them, and **commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.**

“But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

“So when they had further threatened them, they let them go” (Acts 4:7-21)

But the apostles continued teaching and preaching in His name, and the rulers brought them again before the council, and said:

“Did not we straitly command you that ye **should not teach in this name?** and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

“When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.” (Acts 5:28-33)

But after some wise counsel, they agreed not to do that. And after they had:

“**called** the apostles, and **beaten** them, they **commanded** that **they should not speak in the name of Jesus,** and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame {Gk.: **be dishonored**} **for his name.** And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” (Acts 5:40-42)

Beloved, just as speaking, teaching, or praying in the name of Jesus was such an important issue in the early church, so it is today. People are being forbidden to pray in Jesus name in town halls, official state meetings, and chaplains in our armed services are being forbidden to pray in Jesus name, and kicked out of the military without proper compensation if they do.

Some people are mistaken, or have been misled, as to what the relationship of a Jew is with God who is a not a believer in Jesus. The Lord Jesus Himself made it very clear! He told them, “unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins” (John 8:24). He told one of the most educated Jewish leaders ever: “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” When this ruler of the Jews couldn't understand the Lord, Jesus then further explained: “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:3-6). And then after reproving this leader for being a teacher and not knowing this, He said of Himself: “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:18).

Jesus also said:

“The Father does not judge anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.” (John 5:22-24 NAS)

This same apostle of the Lord, John, later wrote to believers:

“I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.” (1 John 2:21-23)

Many leaders and members of certain organizations today, however, act like leaders of old about whom we read:

“Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the approval [Gk.: glory] of men rather than the approval [glory] of God.

“And Jesus cried out and said, He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me. He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me. I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness. If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.” (John 12:42-50 NAS)

Now, let us consider a little more about the importance of what we do being done in a particular name. Jesus said:

“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward” (Matthew 10:40-42 NAS)

Again, let us consider scriptures about the importance of believing in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, starting with perhaps some of the most well known of them all.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but **he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten**

Son of God. . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

(John 3:16-18, 36)

Now let us look at more scriptures from the gospels that tell us plainly what the Lord Jesus Himself had to say about His name. And then we'll look at the practice of the early church.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not **prophesied in thy name?** and **in thy name have cast out devils?** and **in thy name done many wonderful works?** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity [Gk.: lawlessness]."

(Matthew 7:21-23)

"And **ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake:** but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

(Matthew 10:22; Mark 13:13)

"And **in his name shall the Gentiles trust.**"

(Matthew 12:21)

"And whoso shall **receive** one such little child **in my name receiveth me.**"

(Matthew 18:5)

"For where two or three are **gathered together in my name,** there am I in the midst of them."

(Matthew 18:20)

"And every one that hath **forsaken** houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, **for my name's sake,** shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."

(Matthew 19:29-30)

"And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: **Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord;** Hosanna in the highest."

(Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9-10)

"For I say unto you, **Ye shall not see me** henceforth, **till** ye shall say, **Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**"

(Matthew 23:39; Luke 13:35)

"For **many shall come in my name,** saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

(Matthew 24:5; Mark 13:6; Luke 21:8)

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be **hated of all nations for my name's sake.**"

(Matthew 24:9; Luke 21:17)

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them **in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**"

(Matthew 28:19)

"Whosoever shall **receive** one of such children **in my name, receiveth me:** and whosoever shall receive me, **receiveth** not me, but **him that sent me.**

And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one **casting out devils in thy name,** and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall **do a miracle in my name,** that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part. For whosoever

shall **give you a cup of water to drink in my name**, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, **he shall not lose his reward.**" (Mark 9:37-41; Luke 9:48-49)

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; **In my name shall they** cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark 16:16-18)

"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the **devils are subject unto us through thy name.**" (Luke 10:17)

"But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers **for my name's sake.** And it shall turn to you for a testimony." (Luke 21:12-13)

"And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that **repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name** among all nations, **beginning at Jerusalem.**" (Luke 24:46-47)

"He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the **right to become children of God**, even to **those who believe in His name**, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:11-13 NASB)

"And whatsoever ye shall **ask in my name**, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall **ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**" (John 14:13-14)

"But the Comforter, which is **the Holy Ghost**, whom **the Father will send in my name**, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26)

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: **that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name**, he may give it you." (John 15:16)

"But **all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake**, because they know not him that sent me." (John 15:21)

"And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall **ask the Father in my name**, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing **in my name: ask**, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall **ask in my name:**" (John 16:23-26)

"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that **believing ye might have life through his name.**" (John 20:31)

Now let us look at scriptures from the early church that emphasize **doing all in the name of Jesus:**

"And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**" (Acts 2:21)

"Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized** every one of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38)

"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth** rise up and walk." (Acts 3:6)

"And **his name** through **faith in his name** hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all." (Acts 3:16)

"By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and **that signs and wonders** may be done **by the name of thy holy child Jesus.**" (Acts 4:30)

"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and **the name of Jesus Christ**, they were baptized, both men and women. . . . Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." (Acts 8:12, 14-17)

"Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man [Paul], how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to **bind all that call on thy name.** But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to **bear my name** before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how **great things he must suffer for my name's sake.**" (Acts 9:13-16)

"But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this **he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem**, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?" (Acts 9:21)

"But Barnabas took him [Paul], and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had **preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.** And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem. And he **spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus**, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him." (Acts 9:27-29)

"To him give all the prophets witness, that **through his name whosoever believeth** in him shall receive remission of sins." (Acts 10:43)

"And he **commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then prayed they him to tarry certain days." (Acts 10:48)

{Peter} "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved. . . . {James} Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, **to take out of them a people for his name.** And to this agree the words of the prophets;

as it is written . . . That the residue of **men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called**, saith the Lord.” (Acts 15:11-17)

“Men that have **hazarded their lives for the name** of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Acts 15:26)

“And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, **I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ** to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.” (Acts 16:18)

“When they heard this, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**” (Acts 19:5)

“And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and **the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.**” (Acts 19:17)

[Paul] “**I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.**” (Acts 21:13)

“And now why tarriest thou? arise, and **be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.**” (Acts 22:16)

[Paul] “I verily thought with myself, that **I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.**” (Acts 26:9)

“Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about **the obedience of faith** among all the Gentiles **for His name's sake.**” (Romans 1:5 NAS)

“**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**” (Romans 10:13)

“Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with **all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord**, both their's and our's **I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” (1 Corinthians 1:2, 10)

“**In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,” (1 Corinthians 5:4)

“And such were some of you: but ye are **washed**, but ye are **sanctified**, but ye are **justified in the name of the Lord Jesus**, and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Corinthians 6:11)

“**Giving thanks always for all things** unto God and the Father **in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;**” (Ephesians 5:20)

“God also hath highly exalted him, and **given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.” (Philippians 2:9-10)

"And whatsoever ye do in **word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Colossians 3:17)

"That **the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you**, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thessalonians 1:12)

"**Now we command** you, brethren, **in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." (2 Thessalonians 3:6)

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, **let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**" (2 Timothy 2:19)

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your **work and labour of love**, which ye have **shewed toward his name**, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Hebrews 6:10)

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips **giving thanks to his name.**" (Hebrews 13:15)

"Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have **spoken in the name of the Lord**, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience." (James 5:10)

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, **anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:**" (James 5:14)

"If ye **be reproached for the name of Christ**, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you." (1 Peter 4:14)

"I write unto you, little children, because **your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.**" (1 John 2:12)

"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." (1 John 3:23)

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on **the name of the Son of God**; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and **that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.**" (1 John 5:12-13)

"Because that **for his name's sake they went forth**, taking nothing of the Gentiles." (3 John 1:7)

"And hast borne, and hast patience, and **for my name's sake** hast laboured, and hast not fainted." (Revelation 2:3)

"I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and **thou holdest fast my name.**" (Revelation 2:13)

"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and **hast not denied my name.**" (Revelation 3:8)

“And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and **them that fear thy name**, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.” (Revelation 11:18)

“Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and **glorify thy name**? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.” (Revelation 15:4)

“And they shall see his face; and **his name shall be in their foreheads**.” (Revelation 22:4)

We have not given all these scriptures to be tedious, but to show clearly that the Lord Jesus Christ taught that all was to be done in His name. We see clearly that the church obeyed Him and the emphasis over and over again was that all was done in His name. All were to believe in His name, honor and glorify His name, pray, heal, baptize, and cast out devils in His name. Results and rewards were and are to be given accordingly.

Beloved, let us walk in obedience to His name. Ministry that is built on compromise need not continue in compromise, even though it certainly will change things. But not only for the benefit of those ministering, but especially for those being ministered to. Let us reap a full reward at His judgment seat, and not suffer loss and shame. Let us not feed and clothe people suffering with hunger and deprivation and then let them go to an eternal hell and suffer so much worse for all eternity without knowing who has provided the blessings and His lovely gospel! Let us go on to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by honoring His name and **doing everything, every deed in His name!** Amen!

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