

JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Name above every name

1. **Heb. 1:1-4:** *¹In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days **He has spoken to us by His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. ³**The Son** is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So **He became as much superior to the angels as the name He has inherited is superior to theirs.***
2. **Phil. 2:5-11:** *⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore **God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and **every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.*
3. **Eph. 1:19-23** (NKJV): *¹⁹And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰which He worked in Christ when He **raised Him** from the dead and **seated Him** at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹**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. ²²And He put all things under His feet**, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

B. Jehovah is salvation

1. **Mat. 1:21:** [Angel to Joseph]: *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.*
2. Jesus = Heb. *Jehoshua* ["Jehovah is salvation"]
3. Jesus is the embodiment of ALL the Jehovah names—Jireh, Rapha, Nissi, Shalom, Rohi, Tsidkenu, M'kaddesh, Shammah—He *IS* provision, healing, victory, peace, shepherd, righteousness, holiness, ALL IN ALL!
4. **Acts 2:21 (Rom. 10:13):** *And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*
5. "Save" in the New Testament is the all-inclusive Greek word *sozo* = "save, deliver or protect: heal, preserve, be (make) whole or well."
6. Jesus can save, wash, justify and sanctify ANYBODY:
1 Cor. 6:9-11: ⁹*Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders* ¹⁰*nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.* ¹¹*And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

II. IN JESUS' NAME

A. For His name's sake

1. **Rom. 1:1-5:** ¹*Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—* ²*the gospel He promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures* ³*regarding His Son, who as to His human nature was a descendant of David,* ⁴*and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.* ⁵***Through Him and for His name's sake,*** *we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith.*

2. **Eph. 4:32** (KJV): *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as **God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.***
3. **Gen. 26:24**: *That night the LORD appeared to him [Isaac] and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; **I will bless you** and will increase the number of your descendants **for the sake of My servant Abraham.**"*

B. What does it mean to pray or minister in Jesus' name?

1. Many come in their own name:

John 5:43: *I have come in My Father's name, and you do not accept Me; but if **someone else comes in his own name**, you will accept him.*

2. Praying and ministering in the name of Jesus means we are acting in and on His authority and power, not our own.
3. We're not using the name of Jesus like some good luck charm or mantra:

Mat. 7:22-23: ²²*Many will say to Me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not **prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?**"*
²³*Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!"*

4. **Acts 19:11-17**: ¹¹*God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, ¹²so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them. ¹³Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits **tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed.** They would say, "**In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.**" ¹⁴Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. ¹⁵One day the evil spirit answered them, "**Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?**" ¹⁶Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding. ¹⁷When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, **they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor.***

C. Believe in the name of Jesus

1. **John 1:11-13:** *¹¹He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. ¹²Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God—¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*
2. **John 2:23:** *Now while He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs He was doing and **believed in His name.***
3. **John 3:16-18:** *¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands **condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.***
4. **John 20:30-31:** *³⁰Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **by believing you may have life in His name.***
5. **Acts 10:43:** *All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him **receives forgiveness of sins through His name.***
6. **Mat. 12:21:** ***In His name** the nations will put their hope.*

D. Pray in the name of Jesus

1. **John 14:12-14, 26:** *¹²I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³And **I will do whatever you ask in My name**, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴**You may ask Me for anything in My name**, and I will do it... ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the **Father will send in My name**, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

2. **John 15:16:** *You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the **Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.***
3. **John 16:22-24, 26:** ²²*So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. ²³In that day **you will no longer ask Me anything.** I tell you the truth, **My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.** ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete... ²⁶In that day **you will ask in My name.** I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf.*

E. Minister in the name of Jesus

1. **Col. 3:17:** *And **whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,** giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*
2. **Luke 24:46-47:** ⁴⁶*He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and **repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name** to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*
3. **Mark 6:14:** *King Herod heard about this, for **Jesus’ name had become well known.** Some were saying, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.”*
4. **Acts 2:38:** *Peter replied, “**Repent and be baptized,** every one of you, **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*
5. **Acts 8:12:** *But when they believed **Philip** as he **preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ,** they were baptized, both men and women.*
6. **Mark 16:17-18:** ¹⁷*And these signs will accompany those who believe: **In My name** they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.*

7. NOTE: In all of these instances, they didn't pray in Jesus' name—they commanded! There is a time to pray, but there are also times when we have to command demons, sickness, etc.
8. **Luke 10:17-20:** ¹⁷*The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, **even the demons submit to us in Your name.**"* ¹⁸*He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. **I have given you authority** to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."*
9. **Mark 9:38-39, 41:** ³⁸*"Teacher," said John, "we saw a man **driving out demons in Your name** and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."* ³⁹*"Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in My name can in the next moment say anything bad about Me..."* ⁴¹*I tell you the truth, anyone who **gives you a cup of water in My name** because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.*
10. **Acts 16:17-18:** ¹⁷*This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved."* ¹⁸*She kept this up for many days. Finally, **Paul** became so troubled that he turned around and **said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!"** At that moment the spirit left her.*
11. **Acts 3:6-8, 12-16** [Lame man at temple gate]: ⁶*Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.**"* ⁷*Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁸He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God...* ¹²*When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"* ¹³*The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus. You handed Him over to be killed, and you disowned Him before Pilate, though He had decided to let Him go.*

¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised Him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶**By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through Him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.**

12. **Acts 4:7-18, 29-30:** ⁷They [Jewish leaders] had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: **"By what power or what name did you do this?"** ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: **It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.** ¹¹He is 'the Stone you builders rejected, which has become the Capstone.' ¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for **there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.**"

¹³When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. ¹⁴But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. ¹⁵So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. ¹⁶"What are we going to do with these men?" they asked.

"Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, **we must warn these men to speak no longer to anyone in this name.**" ¹⁸Then they called them in again and commanded them **not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus ...**

[Prayer after their release]: ²⁹"Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable Your servants to speak Your word with great boldness. ³⁰Stretch out Your hand to **heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.**"

13. **Acts 5:28, 40-42:** [High priest]: ²⁸“We gave you strict orders **not to teach in this name**,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood...” [Gamaliel]: ⁴⁰His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they **ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus**, and let them go. ⁴¹The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been **counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name**. ⁴²Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.
14. **Acts 9:15-16:** ¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man [Saul] is **My chosen instrument to carry My name** before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him **how much he must suffer for My name**.”
15. **Acts 9:27-28:** ²⁷Barnabas... told them how Saul... had **preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus**. ²⁸So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, **speaking boldly in the name of the Lord**.
16. **Acts 15:25-26:** ²⁵So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul—²⁶men who have **risksed their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**.
17. **James 5:14-15:** ¹⁴Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to **pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord**. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.
18. **3 John 1:5-7:** ⁵Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. ⁶They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. ⁷**It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans.**

F. Church gathers together in the name of Jesus

1. **Mat. 18:5, 20:** ⁵And whoever **welcomes a little child like this in My name** welcomes Me... ²⁰(NKJV): For where two or three are **gathered together in My name**, I am there in the midst of them.

2. **1 Cor. 1:2:** *To the **church of God** in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with **all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**—their Lord and ours.*
3. **1 Cor. 5:4:** *When you are **assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus** and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present...*
4. **Eph. 5:19-20:** ¹⁹*Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,* ²⁰*always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, **in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

G. Remain true to the name of Jesus

1. **Rev. 2:13:** *I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. **Yet you remain true to My name.** You did not renounce your faith in Me, even in the days of Antipas, My faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.*
2. **Rev. 3:8:** *I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet **you have kept My word and have not denied My name.***

III. SUMMARY

- A. God gave Jesus a name superior to angels and exalted above every other name—there is no name like the name of Jesus!
- B. We are saved, healed, delivered, and protected in Jesus' name.
- C. All Christian works and ministry are to be done in Jesus' name; we act as His representatives in the authority He has given us (much like a Sheriff deputizing a deputy!)
- D. There is power in the name of Jesus!
- E. We are to pray, preach, prophesy, praise, cast out demons, heal sick people, and work miracles in the name of Jesus!
- F. If we remain true to His name, He will place His name on our foreheads in the eternal kingdom:

Rev. 22:4: *They will see His face, and **His name will be on their foreheads.***