

jenaministries – Part 5 My Questions

2. Why Praise a Name?

Something that has always puzzled me is why the Bible declares the NAME of Jesus. What is in a name? Why should we praise a name and why is there power in a name?

I know many people today with the given name Jesus. Their names have no power or authority, yet it is the same name!

I understand back in biblical days, people were named by their characteristics. Their names had meaning. I'm so glad that's not the case anymore. With how my mother thought of me, my name would have been Unwanted, Unimportant, Annoying, Nobody Cares, or The Dog to Kick.

Jesus changed some of his disciple's names to give their names new meaning. **Mark 3:16** *These are the twelve he (Jesus) appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter), Mark 3:17 James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means "sons of thunder")*

I also understand the authority and power in praying through Jesus. But it would be more logical to me if we prayed in the power of Jesus, or in the authority of Jesus. But in the name? It's just a name. Even though names had meanings, it's still just a name. Power doesn't come from a name, it comes from Jesus. How can there be power in a name (**Scriptures 1 – Power in the Name**)? But if that's what God tells us to do, I'll do it. I pray in the name of Jesus, even though I don't understand it.

The Bible also has several verses about praising the name (**Scriptures 2 – Praise the Name**). Praise a name? I do praise Jesus, the father God, and the Holy Spirit. But to praise a name? That doesn't make sense to me. **Psalms 68:4** *Sing to God, sing praises to his name; Sing praises to a name? Jesus himself taught us to praise the name Matthew 6:9 (Jesus speaking) "This, then, is how you should pray: " "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,*

There also is salvation in the name (**Scriptures 3 – Salvation in the Name**). Wow.

Thank God that I don't have to understand everything to be saved and spend eternity with Jesus. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

Scriptures 1. Power in the Name:

Mark 16:17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

Luke 10:17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"

John 14:13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Acts 3:16 To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

Acts 4:30 While you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

1 Corinthians 1:2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you. 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.

Scriptures 2. Praise the Name:

Psalms 68:4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

Psalms 113:2-3 Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalms 135:1 Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord; praise him, you servants of the Lord,

Jeremiah 10:6 There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might.

Matthew 6:9 (Jesus speaking) "This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Scriptures 3. Salvation in the Name:

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Romans 10:13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."