



Northside Proclaimer

Proclaiming The Word Of The Lord

1 Thessalonians 1.8

Northside Church Of Christ Welcomes You!

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In His Name

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Some say there is nothing in a name. Obviously this isn't true for many would not name their children Hitler or Satan, etc. Nor would anyone put my name on his or her paycheck! Therefore there is something in a name. The name we want to focus on in this article is the name above all names, the name of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ has numerous names found within Scripture. Notice the following: Prince of peace (Isaiah 9.6), Emmanuel (Matt. 1.23), Bridegroom (Matt. 9.15), Son of God (Luke 1.35), Word (John 1.1), Son of man (John 5.27), I Am (John 8.58), Holy One (Psalm 16.10), Deliverer (Rom. 11.26), King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Tim. 6.15), and Alpha and Omega (Rev. 22.13), etc.

Since the "the government shall be upon his shoulder," it is no wonder why He had all authority (Isaiah 9.6; Matt. 11.27, etc.). This being the case, we conclude that all we do, in word or deed must be done "in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (see Col. 3.17). Let's examine some of the things we accomplish or receive in His name.

First, Jesus taught, "...repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His [Jesus'] name to all nations" (Luke 24.47). As Jesus instructed, Peter proclaimed these words all throughout his ministry. In Acts 9.27-28, in the beginning of Saul's ministry, we learn that Saul first preached boldly in the name of Jesus at Damascus and then to all people (cf. Acts 26.20). If one has not heard preaching in the name of Christ, he has not heard gospel preaching and his soul is at risk. This is the point Paul made in his letter to the Romans. If one is to call on the name of the Lord he must first here preaching in the name of the Lord (see Romans 10.13-14). The two go cannot be separated.

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Announcements

- Remember the shut in's.
- Pray for the church and one another.
- Remember the spiritual sick among us.
- Call or email me to add announcements, thanks.
- Volunteers needed for fair prep at church building (Monday) at 2 PM. See Bryan if interested.
- If you'd like to volunteer to work at the fair booth please see Bryan.

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

Aug 30 Ezek 13-15

Aug 31 Ezek 16-17

Sep 1 Ezek 18-19

Sep 2 Ezek 20-21

Sep 3 Ezek 22-23

Sep 4 Ezek 24-27

Sep 5 Ezek 28-31

Second, in the first century, the apostles and Christians had miraculous gifts (Acts 2.38; 19.6). These miraculous powers would confirm the preaching done by the apostles and Christians as they went about proclaiming the word (see Mark 16.20; Heb. 2.2-4). These miracles, signs, and wonders found their power in His name. "Peter said, 'I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!'" (Acts 3.6, etc.). Since we have the confirmed word today, we do not need miraculous gifts (cf. 1 Cor. 13; Jude 3).

Next, preaching Jesus Christ is meant to produce faith in a person (Romans 10.17). Jesus said, "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

Further, as Christians preached in His name, sinners were baptized in His name. Peter proclaimed, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins..." (Acts 2.38). Elsewhere Peter commanded the gentiles, "...to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 10.48). Paul, upon baptizing the Ephesians, "...baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19.5). Thus baptism is to be administered by the authority of Christ, that is, in His name.

Additionally, part of our spiritual growth is faithfulness to Jesus. Paul penned to the Thessalonians, "To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 2.11-12). One way this is accomplished is by, "let[ting] your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5.16).

Finally, preaching and obedience, both done in His name, culminate in the ultimate outcome. We mean that both will cause one to obtain the outcome of his faith, the salvation of his soul. Peter declared, "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" (Acts 4.12). Thus Paul could write to those who had repented and obeyed, "...you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6.11).

Those of us who have heard preaching in His name, believed in His name, obeyed in His name, remained faithful in His name, shall receive salvation in His name. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14.6). For these truths let us give, "...thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5.20). BG