

Praying In Jesus' Name

I. Jesus taught us to pray in His name.

1. **Joh 14:13** - And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
2. **Joh 14:14** - If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.
3. **Joh 15:16** - 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.
4. **Joh 16:23** - 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.
5. **Joh 16:24** - Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

II. What does it mean to pray *in Jesus' name*?

1. Name n. - 11. ***in one's name, in the name of*** one: a. In phrases expressing invocation of, reliance upon, or devotion to, the persons of the Godhead. c. Denoting the use of another's name to give authority or countenance to one's acts; or implying that the action is done on account or on behalf of some other person or persons. Hence, by contrast to this, *in one's own name*.
2. Invocation - 1. The action or an act of invoking or calling upon (God, a deity, etc.) in prayer or attestation; supplication, or an act or form of supplication, for aid or protection.

III. Praying in Jesus' name is praying to God with reliance upon Jesus that those prayers will be heard because Jesus makes intercession for us, and therefore God will answer them for Jesus' sake.

1. **Rom 8:34** - Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
2. **Heb 7:25** - Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

IV. The apostles could heal people and cast out devils when they called upon Jesus for the power to do so, invoking His name.

1. **Mar 16:17** - And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
2. **Mar 16:20** - And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.
3. **Act 3:6** - 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.
4. **Act 3:7** - And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
5. **Act 16:18** - 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.

V. Though we don't have those miraculous gifts today, the same principle still applies to our prayers; if we want God to hear and answer them, we must pray *in Jesus' name*.