

INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

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IN JESUS' NAME

The name of Jesus is most precious. Unlimited power is available in that name and no other name under heaven or on earth can bring a person to salvation. The name of Jesus is the master key that can open or close any door for the flow of God's grace and blessings. This is true, yet God requires more than the mention of Jesus' name when we pray or exercise spiritual authority. Jesus said, *"Many will say ... 'Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them ... 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evil doers!'"* (Mt. 7:22,23). He warns that many will come in His name. You see, it is not enough to use the name of Jesus. His name must be living within us. In this study we will explore what it means to live and move and have our being in the name of Jesus.

The Bible teaches us that there are seven dynamic steps that we should experience regarding the name of Jesus. We must, 1) Call upon the name of the Lord, 2) Revere or Fear the name of the Lord, 3) Believe in the name of the Lord, 4) Confess the name of the Lord, 5) Posses the name of the Lord, 6) Act in the name of the Lord, and 7) Go forth in the name of the Lord.

1. Call Upon the Name of the Lord

"[Eve] gave birth to a son and named him Seth ... At that time men began to call on the name of the Lord." Gen. 4:25-26

From the days of the first family, people began to call upon the name of the Lord. Evil increased on the earth and murder and mayhem became common place. People knew they needed God's help. Whatever our need is, we must learn to call upon the name of the Lord. It begins when we get saved. Calling upon the

name of the Lord is often the missing ingredient when people are led to Christ. Many follow the instruction of a pastor; they repeat a few good words, but fail to really call upon the name of the Lord from their hearts. The Apostle Peter said, **"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."** Acts 2:21

2. Fear or Revere the Name of the Lord

"But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked ... under the soles of your feet." Mal. 4: 2-3

To honor, revere and fear the name of the Lord is to understand God's holiness and what He has entrusted to you. Imagine you were gifted with the fastest car on the planet or the largest diamond in the world or you were given the oversight of nuclear weapons.

Only a fool would treat these things casually. The name of the Lord is more valuable and more powerful than any diamond or nuclear bomb. Exercise the name of the Lord in the fear of God. Then you will experience healing grace and power to trample the works of darkness.

3. Believe in the Name of Jesus

“Whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only son.” Jn. 3:18

We must believe in the name of Jesus. God has given Him a name that is higher than any other name (Phil. 2:9-11). There is power in the name of Jesus and without this faith we cannot please God. Some Christians talk about God in a general sense, but we must believe in the name of God’s Son.

4. Confess the Name of Jesus

“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.” Acts 3:16

Peter and John had just healed a crippled man in the name of Jesus. A huge crowd gathered and Peter confessed openly that the man was healed in the name of Jesus. The Pharisees threw them in jail and commanded them to stop preaching

in Jesus’ name. They refused; they would not stop confessing that power and salvation comes through Jesus’ name. And Jesus said unless we confess Him before men, we will be disowned in heaven (Lk. 12:8-9).

5. Posses the Name of the Lord

Paul said, **“I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.” Eph. 3:14-15**

In our earthly family we are different from our parents and siblings but we still have the family DNA. Spiritually, we belong to God’s family and our spiritual DNA is changing to be like that of Jesus. The process is called sanctification. One day it will be complete and we will be like Him for we will see Him as He is. We are called by His name; now we possess His name. It has become our name; it belongs to us. The essence of who we are is being changed because we possess His name. As overcomers, Jesus writes the name of God, the name of the city or family of God, and His new name on us (see Revelation 3:12). His name is written on our foreheads and on our hearts. His name is in our blood stream. In Him, we live and move and have our being. We possess His name; we feel His electricity in our hands and in our bodies. We possess the name of the Lord.

6. Act in the Name of the Lord

“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.” Col. 4:17

The disciples did all in the name of Jesus. The book of Acts tells the story of their actions. In Jesus’ name they baptized, prayed, led people to Christ, preached, prophesied, delivered people from demons, blessed and anointed people, received people and rejected people. In Jesus’ name they gave life, taught God’s word, and healed the sick. They came and went and lived their lives in the name of Jesus.

7. Go Forth in the Name of Jesus

“Go ... And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they shall drive out demons ... place their hands on sick people and they will get well.” Mk. 16:15-18

We are called to go forward to extend the kingdom of God and we go in the name of Jesus. We dare not go in our strength or by our plans.

The life of the believer is a walk with and into the name of Jesus. If we trust and obey, the Holy Spirit will make the name of Jesus a reality in our lives. If His name is not in us, but we use His name as some professional tool, we may see results because of the faith of those we are ministering to, but we will not receive the reward of God’s temporal or eternal blessings.

Call on the name of Jesus; honor, believe, confess, and possess it. Go forth in the power of His name. AΩ



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