

WordFeast _ an inspiring and impactful Bible Study hour. @ **Heritage of God Church**

@The Loft, South Pointe Community Centre. 11520, Ellerslie Road SW. Edmonton. 7pm on Thursdays.

Topic: The Name of Jesus

Introduction

Our last Bible class was titled: 'The Lordship of Jesus'. We made a categorical statement during that study that '*If there is one concept every believer needs to understand as clearly as possible, it is the truth of the Lordship of Jesus*'. Today's study is a follow up to that. When Jesus gave His life on the cross, He not only paid the price for the salvation of our souls, but also secured for us the required tools by which we live a life of total victory on this earth. One of the essential truth every believer needs to know and be assured of, if they would live this victorious life, is the power in the name of Jesus Christ and the authority we have as believers to use that name.

Again, with reference to **Acts 2:36**, every believer must know and understand this truth so very well. This is what this series of studies is aimed at achieving!

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." (***KJV***)

""So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!"" (***NLT***)

Study and discussions

1. The significance in a name. God places great significance on names, including the name of Jesus.

Matt. 1:21.

'And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins'. (**Note**: JESUS in Hebrew means, Salvation).

- anytime you call Jesus, you are calling 'Salvation', you are calling 'Savior'!
- Calling Jesus = calling 'all He was' and 'all He is today'! (Heb. 7:25)
- Everything Jesus is, is in that name.

Hebrews 7:25 ²⁵Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

- As we speak, He is at the right hand of God in glory, ever living to make intercession for us!

Consider an influential politician or business man gives you his card, with his signature at the back, as an introduction for you to the leader of an organization or the nation that you need to seek a favor – how does this affect the scenario of your access and the possibilities awaiting you? Discuss as an example.

Note: Jesus gave us the legal right to use His name – consider this in every aspect of your life!

We have the power of attorney to use that name!

meaning: 'the written authorization to represent or act on another's behalf in private affairs, business, or some other legal matter'

- so, when you speak, it is Jesus speaking! When you give a command, it is Jesus giving command!

2. The authority of Jesus...

Discuss the significance of the declaration by God in **Phil. 2:9-12**

- that name Jesus is higher than every other name; sickness, financial situation, any circumstances, etc.
- every knee bows at that name – i.e. demons bow and flee at His name.
- heaven respond in the positive when you approach (make request) in that name. (Discuss Jn. 16:23-27.)
- every tongue must confess & declare that Jesus is Lord.

3. Let's review How Jesus obtained His authority...

a) By inheritance. Heb. 1:2-4.

- Jesus has been appointed heir of all things; and has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name.

b) By conquest.

- Phil 2:5-8, Col. 2:15, Heb. 2:14-18, Rev. 1:18, Ps. 16:10, Acts 2: 27-32, Is. 53:10.
- he humbled himself, gave his life, went to hell, spoilt principalities and powers...
- he conquered death and hell and took authority from the devil
- He gave that authority to the church!

c) His more excellent name was conferred on Him by God! Phil. 2:8-10

All Jesus has going for Him is in that His name!

- and all these were given to us!

4. So, we have that same authority that Jesus has; to exercise on His behalf.

a) In the place of prayer with God

- Jn. 16:23-24. Whatever you ask God in Jesus name, He will do it.
- that's why you must pray in Jesus name

Jesus says, God hears Him always...

- so, when we get into the presence of God in prayer, we stand to enjoy this benefit!
- Jn. 11:41-42 (cp. 1Jn. 5:14-15. We can have the same confidence Jesus has; that God hears us always!)

b) To exercise authority over things, and situations...

- to make a demand!
- Jn. 14:12-14

c) To exercise authority over demons

- Lk. 10:17. Disciples reported that demons are subject to them in Jesus name.
- Mk. 16:15-18. In Jesus name, we can cast out demons...
- cp with Matt. 28:16-20 = 'Go ye therefore'.

- since He has all the power, and He has given all that to us, we can go therefore...
= that is authority to exercise all the power that is in Jesus name. Amen.

Consider again Matt 28:18.

'And Jesus came and spoke unto them saying 'all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth'

- 'all power' = 'all authority'.

Power = '*Exousia*' (derives from 'exesti') = permission, authority....

Note: '*Exesti*' denies the presence of a hinderance of any kind!

- it is described as the capacity **and** the right to do a certain thing; without any hinderance!

Exousia therefore denotes '*executive power*'.

= ability; backed up with right = authority... amen.

e.g. Acts 16:16-18. The demon in the girl was cast out in Jesus name by Paul; and the demon left instantly!

d) To minister healings, in Jesus name

- Acts 3:6 - the lame man was healed in Jesus name

Note:

1. Now, you can pray and change things, in the name of Jesus.
2. You have the authority to command and demand a required change to happen in any sphere of life.

James 5:16. 'The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much'

- 2Cor. 5:21 says 'You are the righteousness of God in Christ'. Amen.

Conclusion

It is essential for you to be assured of the fact that Jesus is Lord over all – things, devil, man, circumstances, whatsoever. His Lordship is everlasting and is absolute. And all authority has been given to the church over the devil and all circumstances to demand a change in Jesus name! Eph. 1:22, 3:10. You and I therefore need to be fully persuaded of this, and most importantly, we must live daily, exercising the authority we have been given. Here is the truth we must be reminded of; when you continue to declare that Jesus is Lord, you subdue situations around you, and make them conform to the will of God. So, begin from now, enforce the Lordship of Jesus over every circumstance around you – your home, your finances, your health, your city, your business, etc.; and see them bow to you, to the glory of our God! Amen.

Songs:

In the word of God, there is power,
At the name of Jesus, every kneel should bow

The name, the name of Jesus;
Is greater and higher than all names,
It is not an ordinary name,
It's the name that's full of power and praise
At that name, all sicknesses bow,
Demons tremble at the sound of that name,
It is not an ordinary name,
It's the name that's full of power and praise...