

IN THE NAME

This is an often-used phrase in the New Testament and one that Christians have tagged on to the end of their prayers hoping to get their prayers answered. In truth, it is a reference to covenant, because when making a blood covenant in ancient times, two men often exchanged names. This meant they were giving themselves (all they were and had) to the other covenant partner. In new testament times, we are baptized in(to) the Name of Jesus (Matthew 28:19) and the wife takes and begins to walk in the name of the husband in marriage.

“In the Name” has an implication of abiding in, being one with, submitting and being obedient to. In everything, we are to be directed by (Romans 8:11), in the light with (I John 1:7), and in unity with the Lord (John 17:21). This means being in agreement not only with His plan, but also His strength and His timing – in other words, His Lordship.

Colossians 3:17

“And whatever you do in word or deed, {do} all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”

Since Christians are all in covenant with Him, we are all His covenant friends and are in covenant with one another (I John 1:7; John 17:21). This means we are to love one another (Matthew 22:29) and receive one another. We all know in part (I Corinthians 13:9) and each has a part of Jesus, for each other, that will help us grow in Him (Ephesians 4:16).

Matthew 18:5

“And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me;”

Luke 10:16

“The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.”

When we pray we are to pray in His Name. That is, we are to pray walking in obedience to Him and our authorities, and in right relationship with one another. Then, we are in covenant with Him and one another, and our prayers will be received and will be effective.

John 14:13-14

“And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do {it.}”

When we really walk in His Name, in right relationship with Him and one another, then we will see the truly awesome anointing of God fall with miracles and blessings - because brothers are dwelling together in unity (Psalms 133:1).