

IN HIS NAME | ANDREW COX

Text

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Title

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Introduction

What is your name?

Each of us, our entire life, in some manner has been asked this question.

Your name identifies you, defines you, and is the most important word for you.

Without your name, you would lack identity, designation, and value.

“Each name has associated characteristics, behaviors, and a look, and as such, it has a meaning and a shared schema within a society,” reported researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.¹

Body

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The conversation of Jesus with His disciples, as recorded by John in chapters 13-17, is compelling.

- He taught them the principle of serving.
- He acknowledged that one of them would betray him.
- He gave them a new commandment.
- He singled out Peter’s denial of him.
- He usurped the Way, the Truth, and Life as being through him.
- He promised the Holy Spirit would be in them.

Then He charged them concerning His name.

Until now, you have not dared to ask by my name, but now, if you ask by my name, you will receive it, and your joy will be unlimited. (John 16:24 paraphrased)

When we speak *In His Name*, it is as though Jesus is speaking Himself.

John 16:26 (KJV)

26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

Through the ages, God used names to reveal His aspirations.

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (the patriarchs) knew Him as God Almighty.

Moses (humble) knew Him as the Lord, whose name is Jealous.

David (extremely passionate) knew Him as the rescuer and asked to be saved by His name.

Solomon (great wisdom) knew Him as omnipresent but asked for a specific manifestation of God's presence and asked God to place His name in the temple.

The Israelites (first chosen) were warned about the angel that led them, "Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not: for my name is in him." (Exodus 23:20-21)

Mary had the honor to name Him.

Matthew 1:21 (KJV)

²¹And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

God revealed in the flesh, His name: Jesus.

At that point, God's identity was fully revealed through Jesus Christ.

God's fullness is invested in the name of Jesus.

To know His name is to acknowledge the revealed Spirit of God.

The Spirit of God lived in Jesus, speaking to humanity through a new revelation of Himself.

The name of Jesus unveils His presence, character, authority, and power.

In His name dwells all the fullness of the Godhead, and completion is achieved in Him.

Of His name, there is none more excellent, no other name commands attention as does His name, and no name is more significant than Jesus.

He was the revelation of God in the flesh to humanity.

He did not have to impersonate God – He was God!

In His Name, His aspirations are revealed.

His name is excellent.

Hebrews 1:4 (KJV)

⁴Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

God made Adam lower than the angels. (Psalm 8:5)

Despite being created lower than the angels, he was made to steward the earth and manifest God's authority.

When Adam sinned, that inheritance was surrendered to the deceiver we know as Satan.

As a result, Satan became the "god of this age," and the world needed to be restored.

Who could restore it? It had to be a human. But humans were in obedience to the dark authority of Satan. (Ephesians 2:2)

The answer came by the second Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45).

He was perfect and without sin.

As such, He was the one who would restore the authority Adam lost in the beginning.

Nevertheless, he had to become human. He had to inherit a name.

His name has not diminished. It has not lost any power.

Jesus is the more excellent name.

In His Name, the darkness cannot deny His light.

His name restores

Philippians 2:10 (KJV)

¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

In His Name, every knee in the three realms - Heaven, earth, and Hell will bow to acknowledge His superiority.

Simultaneously, when you claim the name of Jesus, three things happen:

1. Heaven rejoices.
2. Earth is restored.
3. Hell relinquishes.

The only solution for the world regarding sin is the blood of Jesus, and you can't separate the blood of Jesus from the name of Jesus.

Leviticus 17:11 teaches us that the life of the flesh is in the blood.

You can't have life unless you have blood.

If you have life, you have blood; if you have the blood, then you have remission.

Hebrews 9:22 (KJV)

²²And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

John, having been discipled by the light of the world, increased our revelation of the source of life in his gospel.

John 20:31 (KJV)

³¹But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; **and that believing ye might have life through his name.**

Life comes through the name of Jesus.

In His Name (Jesus) inseparably connects Him to the salvation of humanity.

Acts 4:12 (KJV)

¹²Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Jesus, *In His Name*, is life, life is possible because of His blood, and if you have His blood, then you have remission of sins and are restored with Him in His authority.

Colossians 2:6 (KJV)

⁶As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

His name is above every name

Jesus is the name that is above all names.

It was given for the benefit of the church.

- We have permission to use His name against our adversaries.
- We have permission to use His name in our requests.
- We have permission to use His name with respect to His identity.

His name is a gift to us for us to use!

Colossians 2:15 (KJV)

¹⁵And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

At this point, we see Jesus in the dark realm of the lost, in opposition to the carriers of darkness.

It reveals a crucial battle and impressive victory that Jesus won between the cross and His resurrection.

For three days, the entire realm of darkness intended to confuse, overwhelm, and imprison Him in bondage **UNTIL** the acknowledgment was heard from the throne of God that His name met the demands of justice.

Hebrews 2:14 (KJV)

¹⁴Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

We are *In His Name* to destroy the works of the devil.

In His Name, we have the power to destroy him that had the power of death.

Let's put the devil in his place. He has no power over us.

Jesus explained it clearly in Luke 11.

Luke 11:21-22 (KJV)

²¹When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

²²But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

When Jesus came out of that vacuum of darkness, He had the keys of darkness and the armor on which Satan relied.

He defeated the darkness.

He defeated Satan.

He destroyed Satan before his angels in the darkness of the damned, and there He stood in that dreadful place, the absolute victor.

Then He took Satan's armor and distributed the spoils of His victory to us.

He is the undisputed victor over man's ancient destroyer.

And because of His name, we are victorious.

Colossians 3:17 (KJV)

¹⁷And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

All He was is *In His Name*, all He is today is *In His Name*, and all He will be tomorrow is *In His Name*, and His name is ours!

Conclusion**John 16:24** (KJV)

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There is no more incredible message than the name of Jesus.

All that Jesus was, His name is.
All that Jesus was, His name will ever be.

In His Name is all the fullness of God.

Let us be identified with His name, and let us be recognized by His name.

As the children of God, all that is *In His Name* belongs to us.

If you feel diminished in life, invoke His name, and a more excellent revelation will be given to you.

Do you think you have fallen short? Call on His name, and He will elevate you in abundance.

Are you in need of rescue? Claim the name of Jesus, and every realm (Heaven, earth, and hell) will bow and worship Him.

Action Steps

1. Invoke the name of Jesus in your time of need.
2. Recognize the fullness of God in Jesus' name.
3. Claim the victory of Jesus in all things.
4. Share the significance of Jesus' name.
5. Live your life by the name of Jesus.

Take action and invoke the name of Jesus in your life. Allow His fullness to guide you and claim the name of Jesus. As you share His name with others, live in His name and experience the power of His name for yourself.

Footnotes

1. <https://insight.openexo.com/how-our-name-affects-our-personality-and-identity-what-social-psychology-says/>