



Title: In the Name of Jesus
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Story of deliverance

John 14:13 {ESV} ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 16:23 {ESV} ²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

Introduction

What does the phrase 'in the name of Jesus' that we use so often in prayer mean? Is it:

- A mantra? - e.g. Hail Mary.
- An magic formula? E.g. Harry Potter.
- A ritual invocation? E.g. Chicken in pot.

Acts 19:13 - 17 {NIV} ¹³ Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." ¹⁴ Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. ¹⁵ One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about (recognize) Paul, but who are you?" ¹⁶ Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding. ¹⁷ When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor.

- Not just about what is said but about who said it.
- Covenant vs Contract

2 Sam 4:4 {NIV} ⁴ (Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became crippled. His name was Mephibosheth.)

2 Sam 9:1 {NIV} ¹ David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

- Remember that Saul tried to kill David...
- What does 'for Jonathan's sake' mean?

1 Sam 20:12 - 16 {ESV} ¹² And Jonathan said to David, "The LORD, the God of Israel, be witness! ¹⁵ and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."¹⁶ And Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David...

Covenant = 'extended kinship' – F. Cross

- Explain 'kin': 'next of kin'

- Blood brothers (David & Jonathan)
- Marriage (Gen 2:24), e.g. my wife can sign 'in my name.'
- Adoption (a covenant relationship)

Jonathan was the 'family representative' in the covenant with David and his family, and 'in him', that is, in Jonathan, Mephibosheth had access to those covenant privileges.

- He received the benefits as 'covenant proxy'.
- He received what was due to Jonathan on his behalf.

Gen 15:12, 17-18 {NIV} ¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep... ¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram...

Gal 3:16, 29 {NIV} ¹⁶ The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

John 15:7 {NIV} ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

Conclusion

Saying 'in the name of Jesus' is not a mantra, an incantation, or a ritual.

Whatever is due in the Son, we can receive 'in Jesus name' if we 'belong to Christ' and represent Christ.