

What is “In the Name of The Lord”?

1. Do we have to add in the name of the Lord Jesus I pray at the end of our prayers in order to make our prayers effective? What is in the name of the Lord Jesus?
2. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He told the disciples that they can ask in His name and the Father will answer them. Therefore, some may misunderstand that they have to add in the name of the Lord Jesus at the end of their prayers to make the prayers effective.

- For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. (Matthew 18:20 ESV)
- And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues. (Mark 16:17 ESV)
- Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (John 14:13-14 ESV)
- Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf. (John 16:24-26 ESV)

3. In fact, it's not just when we pray, we need to pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. The Bible tells us no matter what we speak, what we do, we have to do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.
4. It doesn't mean that before we sit down, we have to say, "now in the name of the Lord Jesus I sit down." Or before we do homework, before we play games, before we do house chores, we have to say first, " In the name of the Lord Jesus, I do homework, I play games or I do house chores."

- And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Ephesian 4:22 ESV)

5. It means that the content that we pray, the words that we speak, the things that we do, all are according to the Lord's will/are all in line with the Lord's will. They are what the Lord likes and what He agrees. Then they are in the name of the Lord Jesus. Moreover, we rely on the

grace of the Lord's salvation By Him, we have the right to go before God and by Him, we have the strength to do it.

6. If our hearts don't rely on the Lord, and we pray for something that the Lord doesn't like, even we add in the name of the Lord Jesus we pray by the end of the prayers, the prayers will not be effective.

Think about this: if someone say, "O Lord, may you help me to steal things successfully, and not to be discovered by anyone. In the name of the Lord Jesus I pray." Isn't it ridiculous? Will the Lord answer a prayer like this?

- So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. (2 Corinthians 5:9 ESV)
- No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Romans 8:37 ESV)
- Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. (Ephesian 6:10 ESV)
- [F]illed with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:11 ESV)
- I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2 ESV)

7. God wants us to live before Him always, and realize that He is before us. What we need to do is to set our hearts towards Him, to have continuous fellowship with Him and to obey Him/to be submissive to Him. Then we will receive His blessings. When we live in this way, this is a life in the name of the Lord Jesus.

- Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV)

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- [B]ut whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 John 2:5-6 ESV)
- As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. (John 15:9-10 ESV)