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STUDY GUIDE



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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:30-31 (NKJV)

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.

John 14:13-14 (RSV)

Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THEME

Jesus is the name that is above all names. God gave that name to His only begotten Son; Jesus has given us the right and privilege to use His name. We must learn the power and authority that God has made available to us through the name of Jesus and operate in that name as the Lord has commanded us to do.

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The name Jesus is not mentioned in the Old Testament.
 - 1. Jesus has not always existed as Jesus.
 - 2. Jesus as the Word of God has always existed.
 - 3. The three which bear record in heaven are the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit. (1 John 5:7)
 - 4. By the Word all things were created. (Colossians 1:16; John 1:1-3)

- B. Jesus is the name given to the child conceived by Mary. (Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:31)
- C. Jesus is called "The Word of God" at His second coming. He is coming then as Judge rather than Savior. (Revelation 19:11-16)

II. THE NAME " JESUS "

- A. Jesus is the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew name Joshua, which means Jehovah is salvation or Jehovah is Savior. (It was Joshua, not Moses, who led the Israelites into Canaan.)
- B. God told Joseph and Mary to name this virgin-born son Jesus, "for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)
- C. Jesus' name was given to Him by God. (Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:31)
- D. The name of a person identifies that person.
 1. The name "Jesus" was given to identify a human body.
 2. Jesus is the Son of Man. Because He was born of a woman, He could be identified with humanity.
 3. The name "Jesus" was given to Him by God.
 4. Jesus is the Son of God. His supernatural conception identified Him with God.
 5. Jesus is the Savior of mankind; He has redeemed humanity.

III. THE NAME " JESUS " WAS ACQUIRED THREE WAYS

- A. The name Jesus was obviously given to Him at birth, but there is something much more significant about the name Jesus than just a name given to a baby. (Luke 1:31)
- B. The name Jesus was bestowed upon Him at His resurrection. (Psalm 2:7; Acts 13:33; Philippians 2:5-11)

- C. Jesus obtained His name by inheritance; He met the requirements of redemption and suffered the penalty of sin. He proved Himself to be the Savior of mankind. (Hebrews 1:4)
 - 1. The redeemer must be related to the one in need of redemption.
 - 2. The redeemer must be willing to redeem.
 - 3. The redeemer must have the means to redeem.
 - 4. Jesus met all of these requirements.
 - 5. The name "Jesus" means Savior. Through His redemptive work, Jesus saved mankind, thereby inheriting His name.
- D. Jesus received His name by conquest; He defeated satanic powers and set the captives free. (Colossians 2:13-15)
- E. These three acquisitions of the name Jesus came after His resurrection. (Philippians 2:5-8)

IV. THE NAME "JESUS" CONTAINS POWER AND AUTHORITY

- A. The name of an individual is synonymous with that individual; the two are inseparable.
 - 1. It is vital that we recognize Jesus and His "body" as one.
 - 2. The Body of Christ must not relinquish the name Jesus; after all, the Head and the Body have the same name. Also, the bride takes the name of the groom.
- B. The name identifies the person and his feats or accomplishments.
- C. There is salvation in the name of Jesus. (Acts 2:38; Acts 4:12; Acts 10:43; Romans 10:13)
- D. There is healing in the name of Jesus. (Mark 16:17-18; Acts 3:6; Acts 4:10; James 5:14)

- E. Devils are cast out in the name of Jesus. (Mark 16:17; Acts 16:18)
- F. The name "Jesus" is absolutely impregnated with the power and authority of Jesus.

V. THE NAME "JESUS" HAS BEEN GIVEN UNTO MEN

- A. The believer acquires the name of Jesus three ways.
 - 1. The name is bestowed upon us when we make Jesus our Lord and Savior. At this time, we become a part of the Body of Christ, which is named Jesus. By becoming part of the Body, we receive the name of the Body.
 - 2. The name is inherited when we become joint-heirs with Jesus, recognizing God as our Father. (John 17:20-21)
 - 3. The name is received by conquest when we face the opposition of the enemy and overcome him.
- B. The name "Jesus" gives us power of attorney to function in Jesus' place. (John 14:12-15; John 15:16; John 17:18)
 - 1. Jesus commissioned us to go and use His name. (Mark 16:15-20; John 17:18)
 - 2. We have the right and privilege to operate on earth in Jesus' place, representing all that He is. (II Corinthians 5:20)

VI. "IN THE NAME" MEANS IN THE PLACE OF

- A. Jesus is no longer on earth in the same physical body with which He was born, but He is on earth in the physical bodies of the believers, who collectively make up the Body of Christ. (I Corinthians 12:12-14, 27)
- B. When we speak or act in the name of Jesus, we are actually taking Jesus' place; therefore, we should do exactly what He would do if He were physically walking the earth today.

- C. The early disciples acted like Jesus. They healed the sick, raised the dead, cast out devils, and preached and taught the good news of God's Kingdom.
 - 1. The disciples took Jesus' place by operating in His name. (Acts 3:6; Acts 4:8-10)
 - a. Commanding someone to walk in the name of Jesus is literally acting in Jesus' behalf.
 - b. Jesus, the man, is not here; but we are here as members of His Body, called by His name, so we can act just like He did and get the same results.
 - 2. Satan, sickness, disease, and death must bow to the name of Jesus.
 - 3. The name Jesus has so much power that the disciples were commanded by the religious council not to use it anymore. (Acts 4:18; Acts 5:27-28)
- D. The name Jesus will get the same results as the man Jesus.

VII. JESUS, THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME

- A. Every knee must bow to the authority of the name of Jesus. (Ephesians 1:20-23; Philippians 2:9-11)
- B. The name Jesus was bestowed upon the Son of Man, which put Him in the position and rank of deity.
 - 1. Jesus, the Son of Man, conquered Satan. Jesus as man recovered the dominion which Adam lost, and He has begun to restore things to the state which God intended them to be. (I Corinthians 15:21-28,45-49; Philippians 2:5-11)
 - 2. When Jesus was raised from the dead, He was placed **far** above all principalities and powers. (Ephesians 1:20-23)
 - 3. The Church, which is the Body of Christ, has Christ's authority over principalities and powers. (I John 3:2; I John 4:17; Ephesians 1:20-23; Ephesians 2:6)

- a. We have been given power of attorney to operate in Jesus' place.
 - b. "Power of Attorney" is a legal instrument that authorizes one to act as another's agent.
 - c. With power of attorney, comes responsibility.
 - d. Power of attorney can be used for or against the one who gave it.
- C. One who is in Christ has the right and privilege to use the name of Jesus.
- 1. We have authority over satanic activity through Jesus.
 - 2. Through the name of Jesus, we have authority over everything that has a name, whether animate or inanimate.

VIII. OPERATING IN THE NAME OF JESUS

- A. The name of Jesus gives the believer the power of attorney to act in Jesus' place. (John 17:18)
- B. The new birth gives us the right to use the name of Jesus.
- C. We must have an intimate relationship with Jesus if we intend to take His place on earth. It is vital that we know His will and character so that our actions will exemplify His wishes and desires.
 - 1. The sons of Sceva failed to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus; the results proved to be disastrous for them. (Acts 19:13-16)
 - 2. Imitating Jesus can get you into trouble if you do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Mimicking others may prove detrimental.
- D. All that we do in word or deed we should do in the name of Jesus. (Colossians 3:17)
 - 1. We are representatives of Christ; we are His ambassadors. (II Corinthians 5:20)

- a. An ambassador is a diplomatic official of the highest rank appointed and accredited as representative in residence by one government or sovereign to another, usually for a specific length of time.
 - b. A representative is one that serves as an example or type for others of the same classification. A representative is a delegate or agent who serves for another.
2. Our total life should revolve around Jesus.
 3. We have the responsibility of projecting Christ to those we meet, just as Jesus projected the Father to those whom He met. (John 5:30; John 8:28-29)
 - a. Jesus did not bring any type of reproach against His Father; we must follow His example.
 - b. We must conduct ourselves in such a way that Christ is magnified in our lives.
- E. We should be doing the works of Jesus. (John 14:12)

IX. THERE IS POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS

- A. The name of Jesus has the power to save sinners. (John 1:12; Acts 2:38; Acts 4:12)
1. The power to save is present in the name of Jesus, but it must be acted upon.
 2. We must be baptized into the name of Jesus. (Acts 2:38)
 - a. This baptism is an avenue of salvation rather than a command to act; this baptism is something we receive rather than do.
 - b. We are baptized **into** the name of Jesus rather than **in** the name of Jesus.

- c. Baptism "into the name" means that we now identify with Jesus and His redemptive work that He wrought for mankind.
- B. It is in the name of Jesus that we are washed, sanctified, and justified. (I Corinthians 6:11)
- C. In the name of Jesus, devils are cast out, the sick are healed, and miracles are performed. (Mark 16:17-18; Acts 3:6; Acts 16:16-18)
- D. Petitions are granted in the name of Jesus. (John 14:13-14; John 16:23-24)
- E. In the name of Jesus, we have power over all the power of the enemy. (Luke 10:19)
- F. There is life through the name of Jesus. (John 20:31)

X. SUMMARY

- A. Jesus is the name that is above all names.
- B. The name Jesus was given unto Him by God.
- C. Power and authority are inherent in the name of Jesus.
- D. Jesus has given us the privilege of using His name by making us His Body.
- E. "In the name of" actually means "in the place of."
- F. We must operate and function in the name of Jesus.

XI. CONCLUSION

- A. We have been commanded to believe on the name of Jesus. (I John 3:23; I John 5:13)
- B. One who is called by the Name of Jesus must depart from sin. (II Timothy 2:19)
- C. We should preach and teach in the name of Jesus; we must also teach about the name of Jesus. (Acts 3:16)

- D. We must remember that the Jesus in us is the Jesus Whom those around us must see.
- E. We must learn to think, talk, act, and see in the way Jesus does, thus bringing honor and glory to His name.
- F. Christ in us is the hope of glory; let's share this hope with others. (Colossians 1:27)