

The name of the Lord

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What the present day church must know about Jesus the Name of the Lord

- ◆ Prov. 18,10 The name of the LORD [is] a strong tower :
the righteous runneth into it , and is safe .
- ◆ What is the significance of a name?
- ◆ What is the meaning of the name of our Lord?
- ◆ The functions of the Name of Jesus
- ◆ What we need now !

A. *What is the significance of a -> name?*

◆ Names identify people.

- Mention your surname and one can guess where you come from
- Having a unique name prevents you from being mistakenly taken for another
- Some names are prestigious, others are...
- Everybody understands that a good name is better than riches
- In the bible names were and are still very important
- God couldn't work fully with some people until their identity were transformed - Renaming
- E.g Abram, Jacob, Simeon...

A. *What is the significance of a -> name?*

2. Names signify the authority and power of an individual or organisation

–A name is not only an identity but carries some authority and power what it symbolises e.g Jehovah, Bundesjustizamt

–Many times titles are added to names to increase the authority behind that name e.g. Dipl. Ingenieur, Dr. med. , Sgt./Leutenant, President, Jesus Christ.

B. *What is the meaning of the -> name of our Lord?*

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*Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.-----
Peter*

- ◆ What makes this name so powerful?
- ◆ What makes this name so central in our lives?

Phil 2,9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Phil 2,10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth;-----Paul

B. *What is the meaning of the -> name of our Lord?*

Mt 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

The basic meaning of JESUS is that He is the saviour of mankind.

- ◆ to save us from sin
- ◆ from fear and depression;
- ◆ from sicknesses and death;
- ◆ from the powers of darkness;
- ◆ from the devil

The name of Jesus carries the identity of God himself.

Mt 1,23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

B. *What is the meaning of the -> name of our Lord?*

Acts 4:7 and when they had set them in the midst, they asked, by what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

Here, Power = Name and Name = Power

His name „Christ“ means the annointed one – the Messiah

Joh 4,25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

Hebr 1,9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, [even] thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

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C. *The functions of the Name of* -> *Jesus*

◆ The case of Elijah and Jezebel (1 Kings 18)

• *1 Kings 18,24 And call ye on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of Jehovah; and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, it is well spoken...*

◆ We overcame the devil by the blood and the word of our testimony-confessing the Name with our mouth out of the abundance of our hearts.

◆ But be careful! The sons of Sceva brought a terrible judgement upon themselves because of this Name. (Acts 19:14-17)

C. *The functions of the Name of* -> *Jesus*

◆ It saves (Acts 4:12)

◆ It is a strong tower = fortress (Prov. 18:10)

◆ It keeps people and things intact (John 16:26)

◆ It is an open check for the believer (John 14:13,14)

◆ It baptises and ordains

◆ It heals, casts out devils (Mk. 16:17,18)

◆ It is a powerful weapon (1 Samuel 17:46)

◆ It conquers all powers (Phil. 2:9,10)

D. *What we need now*

◆ We need to be saved (Acts 4:12)

◆ To trust in the Name of Jesus (Prov. 18:10)

◆ Our lives and relationships can be held together only by His Name (John 16:26)

◆ Call on the Name of Jesus when we are in need of anything (John 14:13,14)

◆ In spiritual things we do – service or ordinance – must be done in the name of Jesus

◆ Pray for the sick and cast out demons in the Name of Jesus (Mk. 16:17,18)

◆ Use this powerful weapon in spiritual warfare (1 Samuel 17:46)

◆ The name must be mentioned in our dreams. (2 Cor. 10:45)