

GROWTH RESOURCES

POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS

(Acts 4:12) And there is salvation in and through no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by and in which we must be saved.

Over and over again in Scripture we read, “In My Name, “In Jesus’ Name, or “In His Name.”

1. **The devils were powerless because of His Name** (Lk 10:17) *The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!*
2. **The demons were cast out in His Name.** (Mark 16:17) *He who believes [who adheres to and trusts in and relies on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] and is baptized will be saved [from the penalty of eternal death]; but he who does not believe [who does not adhere to and trust in and rely on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] will be condemned. (v.18) And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe; in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages. (v.19) They will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well.*
3. **Healing occurred in His Name.** (Acts 3:16) *And His name, through and by faith in His name, has made this man whom you see and recognize well and strong. [Yes] the faith which is through and by Him [Jesus] has given the man this perfect soundness [of body] before all of you. (Acts 4:10) Let it be known and understood by all of you, and by the whole house of Israel, that in the name and through the power and authority of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom you crucified, [but] God raised from the dead, in Him and by means of Him this man is standing here before you well and sound in body.*
4. **Salvation comes in His Name.** (Rom 10:13) *For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord [invoking Him as Lord] will be saved.*
5. **We are to baptize in His Name.** (Matt 28:19) *Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
6. **We are justified in His Name.** (1 Cor 6:11) *And such some of you were [once]. But you were washed clean (purified by a complete atonement for sin and made free from the guilt of sin), and you were consecrated (set apart, hallowed), and you were justified [pronounced righteous, by trusting] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God.*
7. **Everything we do and say is done in His Name.** (Col 3:17) *And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.*

WHAT DO WE POSSESS IN THE NAME OF JESUS

(Prov 18:10) The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the [consistently] righteous man [upright and in right standing with God] runs into it and is safe, high [above evil] and strong.

We have healing in the Name of Jesus (signs & wonders) *(Mark 16:17-19)*

- The Synoptic Gospels and Gospel of John record at least **35 healing miracles Jesus** performed. **A large number of miracles are not even mentioned** according to (John 21:25).
- Jesus' miracles includes **physical and spiritual healings, raising the dead and manipulating nature.**
- *(Acts 3:6) But Peter said, Silver and gold (money) I do not have; but what I do have, that I give to you: in [the use of] the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!*
- Jesus has **invested us, His disciples, with the same power.** He promised when we lay our hands on the sick in His Name they will get healed.
- *(Acts 4:29) And now, Lord, observe their threats and grant to Your bond servants [full freedom] to declare Your message fearlessly (v.30) While You stretch out Your hand to cure and to perform signs and wonders through the authority and by the power of the name of Your holy Child and Servant Jesus).*
- **Signs and wonders are for the advancement of the Kingdom of God** and not for our self-interest or self-glorification. It is not to make us feel fuzzy inside. It is that people will be drawn into a commitment with Jesus and be saved from hell.

We have authority in the Name of Jesus

- *(Lk 4:41) And demons even came out of many people, screaming and crying out, You are the Son of God! But He rebuked them and would not permit them to speak, because they knew that He was the Christ (the Messiah).*
- Demons fled because they knew Jesus is the Son of God.
- *(Lk 10:17) The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!*
- Demons know we are the Disciples of Christ. Therefore they will flee when we rebuke them in Jesus' Name.
- *(Acts 16:18) And she did this for many days. Then Paul, being sorely annoyed and worn out, turned and said to the spirit within her, I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her! And it came out that very moment.*
- This is what happens when we are representing the interests of the kingdom of God.

We have victory in the Name of Jesus

- *(1 Cor 15:55) O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?*
- *(Rom 8:38) For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers (v.39) Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- Today science has a solution for almost every problem. But it still hasn't found solutions to the problems of aging and dying.
- Jesus raised at least 3 people from the dead, (one was dead four days!). **Finally, He conquered the death in its entirety and its effect on human race.**

Today there is still power in the Name of Jesus because Jesus is alive and not dead.

- It doesn't matter how big your problem is, how bad your sickness is or how powerful your demons are?
- All that are under Jesus' feet.
- The victory is yours.
- Start to proclaim it in the Name of Jesus.

THE NAME OF JESUS IS NOT A MAGICAL FORMULA TO BE USED

We need to understand that when we use the Name of Jesus, we acknowledge that we are representatives of Jesus Christ.

- (Acts 3-4) Peter and John healed the man at the temple who has been in his 40s and crippled from birth. It caused a great stir, **because they did it in the Name of Jesus**. The religious authorities faced an undeniable miracle and ordered them to not speak nor teach in the Name of Jesus.
- Notice this, **when the apostles preached, they did so in the Name of Jesus**, meaning they did not preach a gospel and then tagged "in the Name of Jesus" on the end. **Preaching in the Name of Jesus meant they preached as His representatives.**
- **You can't imply to be His representative if you in truth are not. This is confirmed in the act of the seven sons of Sceva. Acts 19:11-16: I know Jesus and Paul, but who are you? They fled naked and bleeding.**
- **The 7 sons of Sceva made the mistake of thinking that it was a formula, but they didn't have the relationship. No relationship means no authority and no power – no representation is possible.**

When we ask in the Name of Jesus, we must ask according to His will because we are representing His interests.

- *(1 John 5:14) And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us. (v.15) And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.*
- The emphasis here is on God's will, not our own will. When we communicate with God, we don't demand what we want; rather we discuss with him what He wants for us.
- If we align our prayers to His will, He will listen; and we can be certain that if He listens, He will give us a definite answer. Start praying with confidence!
- It means that when I use the phrase "in the Name of Jesus" **I better make sure that I'm actually representing His interest.** Not claiming Mercedes. Whose interest am I representing?
- The key here is about whose interests am I representing.

If we are representing the Lord Jesus Christ and His interests, the name of Jesus gives us access to all the power and authority of heaven to back us up.

- The name of Jesus brings answered prayers in our lives. *(John 14:13) And I will do] I Myself will grant] whatever you ask in My Name [as representing all that I AM], so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son. (v.14) [Yes] I will grant [I Myself will do for you] whatever you shall ask in My Name [as representing all that I AM].*

- You can be confident that if you're representing the interests of the Kingdom of God and not just your own interest, you will have all the backing of God's power and authority.

IN WHAT AREA OF LIFE CAN WE USE THE NAME OF JESUS? JESUS NAME CAN BE USED IN

- Salvation (Matt 1:21; Acts 4:12; 10:42-43)
- Prayer (John 14:13-14; 16:23-24)
- Preaching (Acts 4:17-18; 5:28; 9:29)
- Instruction of command (2 Thess 3:6)
- Healing and miracles (Acts 3:6, 16, 4:10)
- Deliverance (Acts 16:18; 19:13-17; Lk 10:1, 17)
- Baptism (Acts 2:37-38; 8:16; 10:48)
- Suffer persecution (Acts 5:41-42; 9:14-16); 15:25-26)
- Justified, Washed and Sanctified (1 Cor 6:11)
- Thanksgiving (Ephs 5:20; Col 3:17)
- Unity (1 Cor 1:10; 5:4)
- Reward (Heb 6:10)
- Doing all (Col 3:17; Acts 26:8-10)

PRAYING IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Jesus has invited, urged, and commanded us to pray in His Name and has promised incredible results. Many people conclude their prayers with the phrase: "In Jesus Name", but does not know what it means. Others never even think of concluding their prayers in Jesus' Name.

What does it mean to pray in the Name of Jesus? When we pray in Jesus' Name:

- **We are admitting the bankruptcy of our own name**
- **We come boldly before God because of the power in the Name of Jesus.** *ILL: It would be like a bride coming from abject poverty to marry a wealthy husband. At that point the woman takes the name of her husband and all that entails. She no longer acts in her name, but in his.*
- **We identify with the person of Christ**
- **Jesus has literally given us His Name. When I use His Name, I am confessing that He is mine and that I am His.** *ILL: It is like going to the bank of heaven, knowing I have nothing deposited. If I go in my name I will get absolutely nothing. But Jesus Christ has unlimited funds in heaven's bank, and He has granted me the privilege of going to the bank with His name on my checks.*
- **We pray in His authority.** *ILL: We are like the child who picked up a policeman's hat, wandered out into a busy intersection and began to direct traffic. The people in the cars followed the child's direction because they respected his position of authority.*
- **To pray in His Name is to ask by His authority; and to ask by His authority is to ask in accordance to His will as revealed in His Word.**
- **We submit to His will. Jesus' authority rested with His submission to the Father, so our authority rests with our submission to Him.** *To ask in His Name is to ask according to His nature, and His nature is one of submission. This, by the way, is why prayers to ask for things contrary to the Word of God will never be answered.*

- **We are representing Him and His interests here on earth.** *ILL. It is much the same as the legal arrangement known as the power of attorney. In such matters one person may represent another in His absence. They act on their behalf.*

Jesus has given every believer unlimited and general power of attorney in all matters and with the right to use His name in every situation.

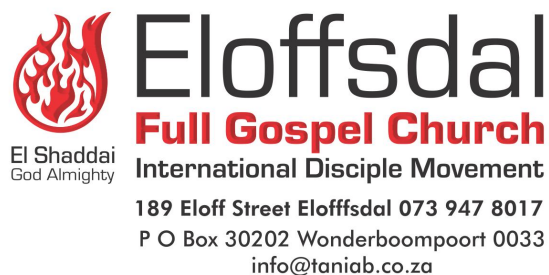
We pray expectantly.

When we pray submittedly, according to the Word of God, in the Name of Jesus, we may expect the answer in accord with the value of His Name. So we can pray with great and excited expectation.

By the authority of this Wonderful Name **we get breakthrough** for ourselves and for others.

We do it because “This Name” has authority and we can share in it!

We cannot afford to fear but we must live in Faith. For fear is the opposite of Faith. Faith in the Word and the Name of Jesus is the key.



If you would like to speak to someone about your situation, we would love to help you and pray with you. Please contact the El Shaddai FGC Offices or you can email us at info@taniab.co.za