

Prayer In Jesus Name

Luke 11:1-13; John 14:13-14; 15:7; 16:23-24,26
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For many of us to pray in Jesus name is simply to end each prayer with in Jesus name. This is too shallow a practice. There are two major (fatal) mistakes we can make concerning prayer:

- (1) We believe that prayer _____ us.
Either we doubt or we pray outside of the will of God.
- (2) We see prayer as a magical "get anything you wish!"



I. What Praying In Jesus Name Is Not

- 1) A cliché. Praying in Jesus name is far more than just an end line in our prayers. Everything a Christian thinks, says, or does is to be in Jesus name (Col 3:17). Prayer in Jesus name is more than a declaration – it is a spiritual _____.
- 2) A command. Prayer is a request not a demand from God. Prayer is asking never demanding. We are to ask in faith and God will provide from His grace.

II. What Praying In Jesus Name Is

1. **Renunciation.** There is no human access to God. This exposes one reason why we fail to pray. We think we must be on our better self. This makes prayer a dialogue between equals! Prayer is total dependence, surrender, and _____ to God.
2. **Possession.** Jesus has literally given us His name! Use my name! He says:

Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so 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)

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (John 15:7)

To ask anything of the Father, in the name of Jesus, means that we ask what Jesus would ask, what would please Him, and what would bring Him _____ by furthering His work.

3. **Submission.** This is very essence and being of Jesus and the core of his life was to always to do the things that are _____ to the Father. To do the will of God in everything. Obedience and prayer go together.

"I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. (John 5:30)

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. (John 4:34)

"And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him." (John 8:29)

4. Representation. Jesus has given us the _____ of _____! What an awesome privilege. Read Colossians 3:17 more closely.

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. (Colossians 3:17)

5. Expectation

"These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. (Mark 16:17-18)

When Jesus promises, Jesus _____! Prayer brings God into the issue. When the request is right, the timing is right, and we are right, God says, "Go." Actually, the great thrill of answered prayer is not getting what we ask- the great humbling thrill is seeing God in action. God works in my life! The great blessing in prayer is not what God gives, but God himself.

Conclusion

This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. (1 John 5:14-15)

We pray because God has commanded us to pray. Prayer keeps us in the will of God and living in the will of God keeps us in the place where God can and will bless us. If the sinless Son of God prayed and needed prayer how much more do we?