

When We Pray in Jesus' Name

A. What does it mean to pray "in Jesus' name"?

1. It is a principle and a privilege revealed by _____ himself.
 - a. "Whatever you ask **in my name**..." (John 14:12-14)
 - b. "...whatever you ask the Father **in my name**..." (John 15:16)
 - c. "...whatever you ask of the Father **in my name**..." (John 16:20-24)
2. It is a principle and a privilege built on the blessings of _____ with Jesus.
 - a. "...that by believing you may have life **in his name**" (John 20:30-31).
 - b. "...**no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).
3. Therefore, Christians are charged:
 - A. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts (Col 3:15)
 - B. Let the word of Christ dwell in your minds (Col 3:16)
 - C. Let all of your actions be defined by "the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col 3:17)

B. Very evidently, "in Jesus' name" isn't a magic phrase. It is a reminding, defining, centering, leading, empowering, fueling phrase which brings us into orbit with God's will (1 John 5:5-15)

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- We must pray _____. We have the opportunity to approach God because of Jesus' life, Jesus' work, Jesus' death, Jesus' resurrection, Jesus' accomplishments, Jesus' ongoing intercession (Heb 10:5-22).
- We should pray _____. We have the opportunity to draw near to the throne of grace because of Jesus' service as our great, perfect, sympathizing high priest in heaven (Heb 4:14-16).
- We can pray _____. We have the opportunity to be heard by our friend, our brother, our fellow heir (John 15:12-15; Heb 2:9-18; Rom 8:12-17).

Conclusion:

A. We run across "_____" 52 times in Scripture, a word which means "May it be, so be it, truly."

1. It's a means of expressing agreement and personalizing something that has been read or heard (1 Cor 14:15-16).
2. It's the last word in *Romans*, *1 Corinthians*, *Galatians*, *2 Peter*, *Jude*, and *Revelation*.

B. In light of everything you've heard this morning, can you truly say, "Amen"?