

# PRAYING IN JESUS' NAME

## ARE YOU PRAYING RIGHT?

*"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. "*

*~ John 14:14*

### 1. Why, "In Jesus Name, Amen."

- a. Some people think there is no wrong way to pray, but Rom 8:26, James 4:3, and Mt 6:6...
- b. Others think there is only one way to pray, but Mt 6:7-9
- c. Should we say this at the end of our prayers? A – It depends what you think it means.
- d. *Amen* – to confirm truth, to trust, to give confidence, to verify, to establish.
- e. Praying "in Jesus name" comes from Jesus' own instruction in John 14:13-14, 15:16

### 2. Handling the Myths

- a. Myth #1 – God only hears/answers your prayers if you say "in Jesus name". False.
- b. Myth #2 – You will receive anything you ask in Jesus' name in faith believing. False.
- c. Myth #3 – Jesus was talking to the church, the Body of Christ in Matt-John. False.
- d. They are in a different dispensation, a specific context that defines what they should pray for. Today, in the disp. of grace we do not know what to pray for as we ought – Rom 8:26

### 3. What Jesus Was Saying

- a. Jesus' ministry was about his name – John 20:31, He was the only way – John 14:6
- b. He came "in the name of the Lord", it was his authority as Christ/Messiah – Mt 21:9,24
- c. John 3:16-18 speaks to the name/power of the Lord, not preaching the cross
- d. Israel bore the name of the Lord, now they would bear the name of their Messiah
- e. When the prayer represents the will and command of Jesus it is in his name – 1Jo 5:13-15
- f. If you pray in Jesus name, but not acc. to his will, then it is blasphemy.

### 4. Blasphemy, Prayer, and the Kingdom

- a. The third commandment concerns the name of the Lord - Deu 5:11, Lev 19:12
- b. "guiltless" – unforgivable – sort of like blasphemy against God - Mark 3:28-29
- c. Blasphemy concerns not just words but deeds done in his name - 2 Sam 12:14, Rev 2:9
- d. Consider 1 Tim 6:1 how the name and doctrine of God can be blasphemed
- e. The name of the Lord blasphemed – Rom 2:15, then restored - Eze 36:20-28
- f. Israel in captivity will return...again - Jer 29:1-13, this is what Jesus said, too - Mt 7:7-8
- g. The works that Jesus did, his apostles would do greater – John 14:12, Acts 3:6, 4:11-12
- h. Israel's kingdom had special prayer promises – John 16:22-24; Isaiah 65:22-24
- i. At that time they know what to pray for – Ps 21:1-3, Mark 13:11, 1John 2:20, 25, 3:22

### 5. Our Need to Pray

- a. Instead of "are you praying right?" we might ask, "you are praying, right?"
- b. We pray as dead men – Rom 6:11, as members of Christ's body – Eph 6:18
- c. Pray is needed, prayer helps (2 Cor 1:11), prayer works – Col 1:9
- d. We do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks in prayer – Col 3:17, Phil 4:5-6