

Praying In The Name Of Jesus

I received a message the other day, from a person I shall not name, that said: we are to pray in the name of God. To which I replied: **Joh 14:13 "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."** I was listening to a sermon on radio this week, and something was said that brought to my mind about praying in the name of Jesus. Since then, the subject has been on my mind, and I want to share with you some reasons from scripture of why we pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

Why are we commanded in scripture, by Jesus, to pray to God the Father in the name of Jesus? To answer this question, we must look at the scriptures that give us this commandment, and the scriptures that give us the answer to the question.

The Commandment:

- **Joh 14:13-14; 12 ¶ "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. 15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments."**
- **Joh 15:16; 15 "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. 16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 17 These things I command you, that ye love one another."**
- **Joh 16:23, 26; 22 "And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. 23 ¶ And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. 25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. 26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: 27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God."**

We see, in these texts, the clear teaching of Jesus Christ to pray to God the Father in the name of Jesus.

The Reason To Pray In The Name Of Jesus:

- **1Jo 2:18, 22-23, 26; 18 ¶ "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 ¶ But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. 28 ¶ And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. 29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that everyone that doeth righteousness is born of him."**
- **1Jo 4:2-3; 1 ¶ "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that**

confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4 ¶ Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

- **2Jo 1:7, 10; 6 "And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. 7 ¶ For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 ¶ If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."**

The Answer:

We see, in these texts, the clear answer to the question of why we pray in the name of Jesus to God the Father. If we pray to God in any other name, we are committing idolatry, and we are denying the very existence of Jesus Christ by failing to ask in the name of Jesus. How can you know this? **1Jo 2:22-23; 22 "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also."** If you do not know, and acknowledge, Jesus the Son of God, then you do not know God the Father. If you do not know God the Father, you are an idolator. If you do not know Jesus Christ, you are an idolator. If you do not believe in both, you are an idolator.

John added that those who would have you to pray otherwise are the antichrist, seen in: **1Jo 2:26 "These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you."** In the world today, there are many that are offended if you pray in the name of Jesus. Why? Because they are of the antichrist. They shout out their offense, of you praying in the name of Jesus, attempting to get you to yield to their whims and deny Christ. If you yield to their whims: you are confederate with the antichrist, seen in: **"He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."** Understand, if you deny God the Father or God the Son, you deny both.

What if you pray to God and ask in the name of God? First: we point out that this is a denial of the existence of Jesus, and it is disobedience to the commandment of Jesus to omit asking in the name of Jesus, because it is a denial of the very one who has wrought our eternal life and salvation. Secondly: we are yielding to the whim of the antichrist, if we omit that we are praying in the name of Jesus. Remember the scripture in: **Mt 6:24 "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."** If the antichrist spirit can get you to leave off the name of Jesus in prayer, he has gotten a foothold in your life and you are demonstrating that you have joined forces with the antichrist, seen in: **2Jo 1:10 ¶ "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."**

If you understand the need to pray to God the Father, in the name of Jesus, you have evidence that you are indeed a Child of God. You have every reason to rejoice and give thanks and praise to God, and our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ. Thank you, King Jesus, for allowing us the privilege of asking, for the blessings of God the Father, in your name. Knowing that our request will be presented by you to God, and they will be answered in the way that is best for us, and the way that brings glory to both your name, and our heavenly Father's name. Hallelujah! Amen!