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Introduction

It is possible that some Christians are trying to use the name of Jesus without knowledge of how they use it? They use the name of Jesus and nothing happens. Is it possible that they have not understood what Jesus said about using His name?

In Mark 16:17,18, the King James Version of the Bible says, **“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues...They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”**

What was Jesus saying? Was Jesus saying, **“These signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils”**? Or, was Jesus saying, **“These signs shall follow them that believe in my name. They shall cast out devils”**?

In the King James Version of the Bible, if we look closely at the punctuation marks in Mark 16:17, we will see that they placed a semicolon after the word **“believe.”** Then they also capitalized the next word **“In.”** (Normally we do not capitalize the first word following a semicolon. They did not capitalize the word **“they,”** following the word **“devils;”**). By doing this they may have changed the meaning of what Jesus was saying. If we would place the semicolon after the word **“name,”** and then place the word **“they”** before the word **“shall,”** it is possible that we would have the correct translation.

Look at what Mark 16:17 is correctly saying, **“And these signs shall follow them that believe in my name; they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.”** Placing the punctuation marks correctly would then keep the context of what Jesus said in agreement with the rest of the New Covenant. It seems throughout the New Testament Jesus is saying, “signs shall follow them that believe in His Name.”

For the Scriptures to be “canon,” they must agree. When we follow the “canon” of the Scriptures we will better understand what God is telling us in the New Covenant.

In Jesus' Name

Look at Luke 10:17 where it says, **“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.”** The **“name of Jesus”** was working for those disciples already before Jesus died and arose again from the dead. It was **“the name of Jesus”** that worked against the devils when the disciples used **“the name of Jesus.”**

In Luke 10:18,19, Jesus was speaking to His disciples concerning the power they had over the spirits of this world in **“believing in His name.”** It says, **“And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven...Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”** Jesus was speaking of the fact that demons were being cast out **“in His name.”** Jesus was also explaining that, **“these signs shall follow them that believe in my name...”** (Mark 16:17).

In Luke 9:49,50 it says, **“And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us...And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.”** The **“name of Jesus”** was working for others also, whom the disciples did not know. It was **“the name of Jesus”** that was being used to cast out devils already before Jesus died and arose again from the dead.

As another example, look at what Jesus said in John 14:13-14? Jesus said, **“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son...If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”** In these verses, Jesus was saying, **“...ask in my name...”** In this Jesus said, **“whatsoever we ask in His name, He will do it.”** Then Jesus gave the reason why He would do whatsoever we ask in His name in John 14:13. Jesus repeated what He said by saying, **“If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it”** (John 14:14). Thereby, making it clear we are to ask **“in Jesus' name.”**

Is it possible that Christians are not understanding what Jesus said in John 14:13,14? What about what Jesus said in John 16:23,24? Jesus said, **“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...Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”** Jesus said, **“ask the Father in my name...”** Why is it that so many Christians are not having their needs met? Why are they trying to do things themselves when Jesus told them how to receive?

Jesus said, **“Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full”** (John 16:24). Where is our joy? Are Christians not understanding what Jesus was teaching?

Look also at John 16:26,27. Jesus said, **“At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you...For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.”**

Are Christians benefitting from the proper use of **“the name of Jesus”**? Are they still trying to do things the way the world does things? Could Jesus have been trying to tell Christians something that they do not understand?

Now let us look at another example in Acts 3:5. It says, **“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.”** Peter used **“the name of Jesus”** against the works of the devil. Peter explained his use of **“the name of Jesus”** in Acts 3:16, saying, **“And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.”** Peter said it was **“faith in Jesus' name”** that made the man **“strong”** and had given the man **“perfect soundness.”**

It was **“the name of Jesus,”** that Peter used when he spoke to the lame man. In Acts 4:8-10 it says, **“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel...If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole...Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.”**

Peter said, **“...by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth...doth this man stand here before you whole.”** It was **“*faith in the name of Jesus,*”** that made that man whole.

Then in Acts 4:12, Peter said, **“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”** It is believing in the name of Jesus that brings salvation.

Salvation and the new birth into the body of Christ are two different things. Multitudes of people are calling themselves Christians, when all they are is saved. The name of Jesus works to save anyone who will call upon the name of the LORD. In Acts 2:21 it says, **“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**

This is why the name of Jesus worked for those who used Jesus’ name even before Jesus died and arose again from the dead. This is why that people can be healed of all sorts of sickness, and diseases today. They do not need to be born again to be saved.

But, unless they are truly born again they cannot enter into heaven when they die. Jesus said in John 3:7, **“Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”** By not understanding the use of **“the name of Jesus”** many today are deceived and may not go to heaven when they leave this earth.

His name is Jesus

The name of the first man created in the likeness and image of God is Adam. Adam was created of the dust of the earth, and was “an earthly creature.” Adam was created as a “terrestrial” human being.

Adam became a living soul by the breath of the LORD God (Gen. 2:7). Being an earthly creature with a terrestrial body, all who are in Adam need air to breathe.

Without air to breathe, all those who are in Adam will die when they leave this earth. They will experience two deaths (physical death of their earthly body and eternal death in hell of their living soul). In 1 Corinthians 15:22 it says, **“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”**

Adam was the first man (the beginning of a creation of mankind). Everyone born in the flesh were born in Adam. Even Jesus was born in the flesh, born of a virgin woman by the name of Mary. Therefore, Jesus became a man, with a “terrestrial” human body.

Jesus is the name of the second man created in the likeness and image of God. Jesus was born of the Holy Spirit and Mary. God was Jesus’ Father and Mary was Jesus’ mother. By the birth of Jesus, He became the second man (the beginning of a new creation of mankind). Jesus was a heavenly creature (having spiritual life).

Jesus had two bodies, a “terrestrial” body of flesh and bones and a “celestial” body of spirit. A celestial body is a heavenly body, which does not need air to breathe. Angels have celestial bodies and they do not need air to breathe. Only celestial bodies can live in the heavens.

Therefore, the name Adam belongs to those who are in Adam (in the flesh). The name Jesus belongs to those who are “in Christ” (in the Spirit). To become in Christ a person must be born again of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 1:23; John 3:6). In 1 Peter 1:23 it says, **“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”** In John 3:6 it says, **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”**

There are two different types of mankind. One is in the flesh of Adam the other is in the Spirit of Christ.

Jesus Christ is the beginning of a new creation of mankind. The name Jesus pertains to His birth in the flesh, becoming “the second Adam” (mankind in the flesh). The name Christ pertains to His deity in the Spirit (being One with God). All who are in Christ are a new creation of mankind, born of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

For more information on Jesus Christ (the second Adam), study very closely 1 Corinthians 15:35-58. For those who can understand the written Word of God, it is all explained clearly in these verses. The difference between Adam and Jesus is explained in 1 Corinthians 15:45-49.

Being that many study their Bibles using their natural mind, they do not understand the truth revealed in 1 Corinthians 15:35-58. They have some knowledge which comes by the knowledge of good and evil. but they do not have wisdom. Therefore, they are still conformed to this world, not knowing the truth concerning A New Creature, in Christ Jesus.

There are many teachings among Christians today that do not agree with the inspired written Word of God. Therefore, many Christians do not understand the use of the name of Jesus.

The Name of Jesus Exalted

In the beginning, Jesus was the Word of God. Jesus was with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning (John 1:1-2, 1 John 5:7). As the Word of God, Jesus created all things that pertain to the creation of this earth as it is today. Including everything that was created in Genesis 1:2-2:25.

In John 1:3 it says, **“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”** In Colossians 1:16,17 it says, **“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him...And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”**

Then in John 1:14 it says, **“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”** When the Word of God became a man (He took upon Himself the flesh of man, born of a woman), His name was called JESUS.

Jesus remained the Word of God in the Spirit, but became man in the flesh. As a man in the flesh Jesus lived upon this earth for about thirty-three and one-half years. During His life here on earth as the Son of Man, and the Son of God, Jesus did the perfect will of God the Father.

By doing the perfect will of God the Father, Jesus fulfilled all that was required of Him, and became the Savior of all who will believe on His name. In John 3:16-18 it says, **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life...For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved...He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”**

Everything that Jesus did will not benefit those who do not believe **“...in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”** It is **“His Name”** that is above every name in heaven, in earth, and under the earth.

In Philippians 2:5-11 it says, **“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus...Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God...But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men...And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross...Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name...That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth...And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”**

Every demon knows the authority and power of the name of Jesus (whether they are in the heavens or in hell). Every angel knows the authority and power of the name of Jesus.

The problem today is that people here on earth do not know the authority and power of the name of Jesus. Many, who call themselves Christians do not know the authority and power of the name of Jesus.

The name of Jesus pertains to the Son of Man, born of a woman and the Holy Spirit, who came into this world as a Man.

Jesus learned obedience by the things He suffered in the flesh. In Hebrews 5:8,9 it says, **“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered...And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”**

Therefore, in Acts 2:21, it says, **“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**

Saved or Born Again

There is a major difference between saved and born again. Yet, many in the ministries today do not know the difference. Therefore, they keep teaching on salvation, thinking it is the same as born again.

When we study the Scriptures concerning salvation, especially the New Covenant, we will find many times it speaks about being saved. In John 3:1-8, Jesus spoke to Nicodemus about being born again. Then Jesus changed the subject and said in John 3:17, **“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”** Jesus then continued to teach on being saved.

We must continue to study the Scriptures concerning born again and saved. For Jesus also said to His disciples in Matthew 10:22, **“And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”** In Matthew 24:13, Jesus said to His disciples, **“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”**

All throughout the four Gospels, Jesus spoke many times about being saved. Many times Jesus was talking about His coming to save those that were lost (Matt. 18:10,11). Jesus also talked about continuing until the end to be saved (Matt. 24:13).

Salvation is a process which begins in believing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This believing must continue until the end. When a person is first “born again,” the LORD adds them to His body, which is the Body of Christ. In Acts 2:47 it says, **“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”** Those who are added to the Church must still be saved. They were born again when they were added to the Church. But, they still needed to be saved after they were added to the Church.

In Ephesians 2:8,9 it says, **“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God...Not of works, lest any man should boast.”** Salvation is a gift from God, which comes by grace through faith. But, salvation alone does not get a person into heaven. Salvation does not make a person a new creature in Christ Jesus. No one gets born again by salvation. They only get delivered and/or protected from whatsoever they are saved from.

All throughout the Old Testament times, multitudes of people were saved. But none of them were born again. No one could become born again until Jesus arose again from the dead. Jesus is the firstborn from the dead. Jesus is the Head of the Body of Christ. No one could become a part of the body of Christ until Jesus first became the Head (the beginning) of the Body of Christ.

When a person is truly born again, and not just saved, they become a new creature in Christ Jesus. They become a part of a new creation of mankind. They pass from spiritual death unto spiritual life in Christ Jesus. They receive a new spiritual body, and a new heart. They are no longer the same as they were before they were born again.

In 2 Corinthians 5:17 it says, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”** In Romans 8:9 it says, **“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”**

According to all that is written concerning “born again,” there should be evidence of a new birth in everyone who is truly born again. If there is no real evidence of a new life and a new heart, there is a question concerning their saying they are a Christian.

By not understanding the difference between saved and born again, many are calling themselves Christians, but they may not be truly born again. Where is the evidence in their lives? How can you know if they are truly born again?

The new birth starts with a seed, which is the Word of God (1 Peter 1:23). Then the Holy Spirit takes that seed and places it into someone who was first born of the flesh (in Adam), and by a work of

the Holy Spirit a person becomes a New Creature, born of the Spirit and of the Word of God. A person goes from being in Adam to being in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 15:22). They pass from earthly life to heavenly life, from the flesh to the Spirit.

When this happens in a person's life there should be evidence of a new birth in Christ Jesus. Their lives should be different than they were before they were born again.

The Seed of the New Birth, which is the Word of God should begin to grow and mature into the likeness of Jesus Christ, who is the Seed (the Word of God). As we study the New Covenant from Matthew through Revelation, we will see the difference between those who are saved but not truly born again, and those who are saved and truly born again.

All throughout the New Covenant it speaks about the difference between being saved and being born again. Those who are truly born again should have evidence of the new birth in their lives. In 1 John 2:6 it says, **“He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”** Are those who say they are born again walking as Jesus walked? If not, why not?

Even being born again does not guarantee eternal life in heaven. It is only the beginning of a new life in the Spirit. It is an opportunity to obtain unto the resurrection of the dead.

This opportunity by the new birth into the body of Christ is seen in the type and shadow of the Children of Israel crossing the Red Sea. Before they crossed the Red Sea, they were still in bondage to Pharaoh and the Egyptian slave masters.

When they crossed the Red Sea, the water of the Red Sea came together and destroyed Pharaoh and his army. This was the end of their slavery to Pharaoh and his slave masters. This was a new beginning for the Children of Israel. They were free from their past. They were free to start over in a new life.

In 1 Corinthians 10:2 it tells us that they **“were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.”** Their being baptized unto Moses is a symbol of a person being baptized into the Body of Christ. In 1 Corinthians 12:13, it says, **“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”** When someone is born again they are added to the Body of Christ by being baptized into Christ by the Holy Spirit.

Look at what it says in 1 Corinthians 10:5,6. **“But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness...Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.”**

This type and shadow is important, for many of them did not inherit the promised land. To inherit eternal life in heaven we must be saved also, and continue unto the end.

When a person is born again, they have a new life in Christ Jesus. They have a new heart, a new spiritual body, joined one Spirit with the LORD (1 Cor. 6:17). This is the beginning of an opportunity to inherit eternal life in heaven.

If a person desires to inherit eternal life in heaven, they need to do what the New Testament tells them to do. The new birth into the body of Christ is only the beginning of an opportunity that we have been given to spend eternity with God.

The first thing a new creature in Christ must do is receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, to receive the power to be a witness unto Christ Jesus (Acts 1:4,5,8). Without the Baptism in the Holy Spirit a new born Christian does not have the ability to overcome the works of Satan in this world. To inherit eternal life in heaven, we must overcome the works of Satan in our lives.

When we do receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, it still does not guarantee we will spend eternity in heaven. In Ephesians 1:11-14 it says, **“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will... That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ...In whom**

ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise...Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is only “**...the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.**” The earnest is like a down payment. God gives us the earnest of our inheritance unto eternal life in heaven. The earnest of the Spirit gives us the ability to overcome. Therefore, we must use the earnest of our inheritance to overcome in this life.

The earnest of the Spirit is mentioned a number of times in the New Testament. In 2 Corinthians 1:22 it says, “**Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.**” In 2 Corinthians 5:5 it says, “**Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.**”

To receive our inheritance of eternal life in heaven we must continue until the end. If we do not continue until the end, the earnest of the Spirit could be taken from us. The earnest of the Spirit has been given to us to enable us to do the will of God. It is the power of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses unto Jesus Christ.

If we do not do the will of God (with the ability that is given to us by God), our names could be taken out of the Book of Life. If our names are taken out of the Book of Life there is no guarantee that we will spend eternity in heaven.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:21, “**Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**”

Read also what Jesus said in John 15:1,2,6. By these, Jesus is saying that even a born again, Spirit-filled Christian, could be cast out and end up in hell for eternity.

In the Book of Revelation Jesus continued to teach what He taught in John 15:1-7. To each one of the Churches in Revelation, Chapter Two and Three, Jesus made it clear, we must overcome the world and the things of this world to inherit eternal life in heaven.

The true gospel is not “once saved, always saved.” In 1 John 2:15-17 it says, “**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him...For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world...And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**” If Christians love the world and the things that are in the world, the love of the Father is not in them. If the love of the Father is not in them, what will happen when they leave this earth?

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