

What's in a Name?

For the ancients, a name was more than just a social convenience, or a means of legal identification; it was thought to have power to shape the character and life of that person.

Their name and what they did were difficult to tell apart. E.g. Jesus: *Salvation*.

Barnabas: *son of encouragement*.

THE NAME OF GOD.

The Seven Redemptive Names of God.

Reveals God's nature, who He is and what He does!

Jehovah **Shalom**: the Lord our **Peace** *Judges 6:23*

Jehovah **Jireh**: the Lord will **Provide** *Genesis 22:14*

Jehovah **Rapha**: the Lord that **Heals** *Exodus 15:26*

Jehovah **Nissi**: the Lord our **Banner** (Victor)
Exodus 17:15

Jehovah **Raah**: the Lord our **Shepherd** *Psalms 23:1*

Jehovah **Tsidkenu**: the Lord our **Righteousness**
Jeremiah 23:6

Jehovah **Shammah**: the Lord is **Present**
Ezekiel 48:35

THE NAME OF JESUS

All that Jesus is, He is in His name.

Acts 3:1-16 (niv)

*⁶ Then Peter said, “silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. **In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.**”*

*¹⁶ **By faith in the Name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ Name and the faith that comes through Him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.***

*Acts 4:10-12 (niv) Then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the **Name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is “‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ ¹² **Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.**”*

Peter takes no credit for healing the cripple.

“...fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?” Acts 3:12

These verses display the unlimited power within the Name of Jesus when spoken in faith.

- it gives “*strength*” to crippled ankles (3:7)
- it enables the feeble to “*jump*” and “*walk*” (3:8)
- it makes the weak “*strong*” (3:16)
- it brings “*complete healing*” to the sick (3:16; 4:10)
- it brings “*salvation*” to the lost and helpless (4:12)

Two powerful factors of answered prayer.

1. **The Name of Jesus.**
2. **Faith in His Name.**

It was not just the ***name*** of Jesus that healed the crippled but when His name was spoken in ***faith***.

By speaking the name of Jesus in faith we gain access to the power and authority Jesus possesses.

We have the same ***right*** to the name of Jesus as Peter had, and to ***achieve*** the same results.

We should never weaken our belief in the power that resides within the name of Jesus.

There is power and authority in the Name of Jesus.

Satan cannot resist the authority of Jesus’ name when declared in faith.

*Luke 10:19 (niv) I have given you **authority** to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the **power of the enemy**; nothing will harm you.*

WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY TO USE THE NAME OF JESUS.

*Acts 4:7 (niv) They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "**By what power or what name did you do this?**"*

We have been appointed a 'power of attorney' to use the name of Jesus, and all the power and authority that resides within His name.



The key to unlock the authority and promises resident within the name of Jesus is faith through the spoken word.

To declare, confess, to speak out in confidence in Jesus' name - amen! (so be it).

IN JESUS' NAME WE RECEIVE HEALING.

*Mark 16:17-18 (niv) These signs will accompany those who believe: **In My Name they will** drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; **they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.**"*