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Jesus Name

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Bible House of Grace contains an easy to read New and Old Testament commentary full of spiritual treasures and pearls, complete with an insightful resource guide illuminating God's love and grace.



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Jesus said, "If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." (John 14:14). When Bible writers use the word 'name' in this manner, it does not just refer to the name of the person, but embraces all of who that person is (i.e., their authority, character, and their titles) When the Bible says, "Pray in Jesus name" it does not simply mean tag his name on the end of a prayer, but pray in love, compassion kindness mercy and grace etc., it means pray in the Spirit and character of Jesus. This means if we are not walking in the Spirit and faithfully following Christ, and we attach the words, 'in Jesus' name,' to the end of a prayer as a cliché statement or affirmation, it means nothing before God, since the words, 'in my name,' carry the idea, if you ask anything while living in my character, (i.e., in love, compassion kindness mercy and grace etc.), especially anything that:

- · Promotes righteousness and alleviates others from misery.
- Promotes wisdom and encourages goodness.
- Promotes salvation and encourages others to seek eternity.
- Promotes reading the Bible and encourages others to live a godly life.

When living in the Spirit and faithfully following Christ, and praying for these sorts of things, it is right to say, "we are praying in the name of Jesus," because these things are in harmony with his character, his will, and his word. The following verses show that the phrase, "In the Name of the Lord," refer to doing things that bring honour to God, a good testimony to Christ and the Christian faith, and that it carries the idea of holding fast to our faith despite persecution, and helping the less fortunate, and doing good to others.

- Whoever receives one such child <u>in my name</u> receives me. (Matt 18:5), and where two or three are gathered <u>in my name</u> there am I among them. (Matt 18:20).
- Everyone who has left houses for my name's sake will inherit eternal life. (Matt 19:29), and whoever gives you a cup of water in my name will not lose their reward. (Mark 9:41).
- You will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. (Luke 21:12), and I know you are bearing up for my name's sake and have not grown weary. (Rev. 2:3).
- Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col. 3:17).

When we are doing any of these, we are doing them in the name of the Lord because they are motivated by our faith in Christ's name.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.