

Sermon Handout
The Power of Jesus' Name
II Thessalonians 1:11-12

- I.** The name of YHWH and the name of Jesus
- a. Joel 2:32 – expectation of deliverance by YHWH
Calling on his name means calling on him.
 - b. Cited in the New Testament
 - i. Acts 2:21 – Peter applies it to Jesus
 - ii. Acts 4:10-12 – Peter applies it to Jesus
 - iii. Rom 10:8-13 – Paul applies it to Jesus
cf. Acts 22:16 – Ananias applies it to Jesus at Saul's conversion
- II.** Jesus is the revelation of the Father (YHWH) Jn 1:18
- a. The glory of the Father is displayed in Jesus
Jn 12:27-28; 17:5-7; 14:8-10; 17:25-26
 - b. To trust in Jesus' name is to enter life with God (in God's favor)
Jn 1:12; 2:23
 - c. Through Jesus' name we are delivered from the wrath of YHWH – Jn 3:17-18
- III.** Praying "in Jesus' name" Jn 14:12-14
- a. To pray "in his name" is to pray for his glory; to exalt him.
 - b. Prayers "in Jesus' name" exalt the Father as well (since they are One).
 - c. The contrast provided by James – Jas 4:1-3
 - d. Confirmed and explained by Jesus – Jn 15:1-8

To truly pray "in Jesus' name" our prayers must be:

Intended to bring glory to Jesus and to further his work

Crafted to further the growth of his kingdom and praise him

They **must not be** merely to further our own interests and desires.