

Faith In The Name Of Jesus: 1

The Two-Fold Commandment

Acts 3.1-10, 16

Peter & John were on their way to the Temple

- the hour of prayer – ninth hour (3pm)
- lame man (from birth) – begging at the Beautiful Gate
- asks Peter & John for some money
- the lame man expected to receive (he had faith – even if it was in the wrong thing)
- We don't have money but we do have something – the Name (the power and authority of the name)

The Church has been given the Name of Jesus and all the power and authority it carries.

- Peter used the power in the Name of Jesus – **Acts 3.6**
“Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.””
- The authority of His Name was not just given to the Apostles and Early Church - it was given to the entire Church
 - the church is named after the name of Jesus
“ [our Lord Jesus Christ].. from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named” - **Ephesians 3.15**
 - whatever we do should be done in the name of Jesus – **Colossians 3.17**
“And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him”
We pray in His name, meet in His name, have fellowship in His name, minister in His name, believe in His name

The commandment given to the Church is two-fold

“And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.” – **1 John 3.23**

1. Love one another – we focus so much on this aspect of the commandment.
2. Believe on the Name of Jesus

The power is in the Name of Jesus – we need to believe and put our faith in the Name

Acts 3.13-16

“The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. ”

Peter used the name of Jesus – He said himself that this man was healed by the name of Jesus

“let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.... Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” **Acts 4.10, 12**

- **salvation** – *soteria*: deliverance, preservation, safety, salvation
- **saved** – *sozo*: to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction, to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health

Philip preached faith in the name of Jesus

“But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.” Acts 8.12