

THE MIGHTY NAME OF JESUS

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INTRODUCTION:

Charles Spurgeon, a noted English Baptist Minister, was a charitable man who built almshouses for elderly people and loved visiting with them in their homes. One day in one of these cottages, he noticed on the wall a slip of paper in a frame on which was some writing. He asked the lady what it was, she said it was a reminder of an elderly man she used to care for. As he lay dying he wrote his name on a piece of paper and gave it to her. She had it framed because it reminded her of him. Spurgeon asked if he could have it examined. He took it to the bank and discovered the gentleman left the woman a large sum of money. She was living in poverty while actually worth hundreds of pounds. There she was starving, while having framed on her wall a document that authorized her to be well cared for.

ACTS 3:1-6, 16

Like this woman, the modern church has a written document that authorizes it to use the Name of Jesus to continue His works, but doesn't have a revelation of what it means as the early church did. It wasn't Peter and John's holiness that got the man healed, it was faith in the Name of Jesus.

ACTS 4:5-12

These leaders claimed the right to regulate the religious affairs of the nation and used intimidation to get them to submit to their authority. When they refused, they threatened them (ACTS 4:13-18 AMPC).

ACTS 8:5-12

The early church understood the power of attorney, and possessed a greater appreciation for and faith in the Name of Jesus. Why? Because the devil finally succeeded in getting teaching about the power of the Name of Jesus silenced.

MARK 16:17-18

Jesus gave us the power of attorney. Even though 99% of Mark's manuscripts include these verses, many question their authenticity. Remember **LUKE 10:17-20**? This is the power of attorney. The cause being greater than the effect.

The Pauline Revelation

Paul was taught the Gospel by Jesus and was inspired by the Spirit. His epistles reveal how Jesus obtained his Name.

- 1.) By inheritance (**HEB. 1:1-6**). When did Jesus inherit this name? Not in heaven, not at His birth. It was after His resurrection (**ACTS 13:33**). After tasting death for every man and satisfying the claims of justice, Jesus was begotten and raised up (**HEB. 2:9**).
- 2.) By bestowal (**PHIL. 2:5-11**). Paul taught a connection between the resurrection and the Name of Jesus (**EPH. 1:17-23**). The Father seated Jesus in the highest place and conferred upon Him a name that every thing and being must bow to.
- 3.) By conquest (**COL. 2:15**). Jesus defeated all powers and principalities for us and authorizes us to enforce their defeat in His Name (**COL. 1:13**). We are no longer under their jurisdiction. **1 COR. 2:6 Moffatt** "...dethroned powers who rule this world".

A.) Like A Mighty Wind, Pgs. 37-40

B.) **MT. 28:16-20** Power is authority. All authority in heaven and earth was given to Jesus and we've been given the power of attorney!