

Celebrating JESUS!

December 2019



This month as we prepare for the holiday season, we need to keep in mind what we're **really** celebrating. Each year in our December newsletter we try to remind our partners what it means to celebrate Christmas as believers. It's easy to get caught up in the decorating, presents, shopping and busyness of the holiday but if we intentionally set aside a few minutes each day to reflect on miracle of Christ's birth, it will change our perspective. Christmas is not just about a baby in a manger. We can miss ALL that Christmas is about if we just focus on baby Jesus. It's so much more than that. It's about that baby fulfilling all the promises prophesied thousands of years before His birth. It's about the power and authority we have in HIM and in His name. And it's about the relationship we get to have with the Father through JESUS. Most importantly it's about the salvation we have because of Jesus.

This month we want to shift your focus on the name of JESUS. Everything we will ever need or face in this life is found in the name of Jesus! When we pray, we pray in the name of Jesus. When we speak healing, we use the name of Jesus. As believers, all that we do is done and said in the name of Jesus. This is what the word tells us about the name of Jesus:

"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth.." Phil 2:9-10

We understand from this verse that the name of Jesus is above **every** name. Every disease has a name! Every sickness or symptom has a name! Poverty and lack are just names! BUT the name of Jesus is above all those. The name of Jesus has ALL the power and ALL the authority and when we don't know what to say, we just say *Jesus*. When we use the name of Jesus to combat sickness, disease, poverty and whatever else we face in this world, we carry the power that comes with that name. For example, when a police officer pulls you over for a traffic violation, he uses the authority and power given to him by the state. He is exercising his legal authority and the proof is in his badge. We as believers must exercise **our legal authority** (based on our badge-God's word) to come against the plans of the enemy. But we can't do that without knowing what kind of authority the name of actually Jesus holds.

What's in the Name of Jesus?

Salvation - Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. **Acts 4:12**

Receiving- And whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **John 14:13**

Way, Truth, Life - Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me. **John 14:6**

Deliverance - And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject to us through your name. **Luke 10:17**

Healing- By stretching forth your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of the holy child Jesus. **Acts 4:30**

Forgiveness- Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **Acts 2:38**

Mediator/Advocate- And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **1 John 2:1b**

Counseling & Peace- And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6**

The name of Jesus holds all the authority, power and answer to every problem we will ever face. The name of Jesus holds your healing and deliverance. The name of Jesus triumphs over your needs, thoughts, lack, disease, guilt, condemnation, loneliness, doubt, unbelief, etc. When you believe that the Word of God is the final authority in your life and begin to take the name of Jesus at face value, you will be victorious! The name of Jesus completes every part of your life! Speak the name! JESUS!

It's that time of year again! Our annual Children's project is well on its way! Our team flies out on December 1st and will be gone for about two weeks. Please keep them in your prayers! We are asking God for divine protection and provision while they're travelling and a safe return home. It's not too late to become a partner with us and join in this project! We have a lot of information about this project on our website and Facebook page. When you partner with JMM, you are also part of the harvest of souls of this Ministry. And you share in the same reward as we do! That is so encouraging to the body of Christ. We are the all part of the same body but we function as different parts. You may not be able to physically go and feed the poor or clothe the naked or bring the Gospel to the hurting but when you partner with this Ministry, you are doing ALL those things by *giving and praying*. Giving is a crucial part of this ministry and we cannot do what we do without your support- both by your prayers and your financial support.

We pray a special end of the year blessing over you and your family! We pray over each prayer request and partner every day and the holidays are no exception. And because you are a partner with this Ministry, you have the rights that Apostle Paul talks about in Philippians 4:14-19,

"Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account... And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."



Merry Christmas,

John, Alexandra & Family