

The Name of Jesus

Acts 4:18-31

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I. Don't teach in the Name. **Acts 4:18**

The name of Jesus is the most powerful name that has ever existed or will exist; however, any power that comes from the name of Jesus originates and comes from the _____ of Jesus. **Acts 4:12**

- **Galatians 4:7** Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an _____ of God through Christ. NKJV

The only power strong enough to take a person from being dead in their sins and trespasses and turn them into a Child of God is God the _____, Jesus Christ. **Romans 8:16-17**

II. Pray for boldness. **Acts 4:19-22**

The Bible encourages obedience to government authority, but the Bible also emphasizes that Christians should prioritize _____ God's commands over human laws. **Romans 13:1-2**

- These men were compelled by the Holy Spirit to share and obey. Peter and John knew what the LORD told them to do, and they were also _____ by the Spirit to complete the task.

David Guzik said 2,000 more people came to Christ, as Peter _____ the power of the Holy Spirit in his life while sharing Christ.

III. Thanking God in prayer. **Acts 4:23-26**

The Good News of how the LORD _____ Peter and John and how the Holy Spirit had used Peter to proclaim the Gospel to these religious leaders, was something worth talking about.

- When we say Jesus Christ, we know Jesus' last name is not Christ. Jesus means Yahweh saves. Christ means the Anointed One, the _____ One, the Messiah, and God the Son. (G5548)

IV. They spoke by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Acts 4:27-31**

Again, we see the _____ hand of Almighty God was involved with the death of Christ on the Cross, even though sinful men played a part in His death.

- Knowing these truths about God's sovereignty and His foreknowledge of the circumstances in our lives should bring the child of God _____ and security.

Christians are baptized once by the Holy Spirit, but we are commanded in **Ephesians 5:18** to be continually filled with the Spirit, which means _____ by.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Acts 4:18**. Have you ever had a job or been involved with an organization where you were not allowed to talk about Jesus? Where does the power of Jesus' name originate according to the sermon note sheet? Discuss how some people treat using the name of Jesus as a secret formula. **Acts 4:12, John 14:6, John 2:1, Philippians 2:9-11, John 16:23-24**
2. Read **Romans 8:16-17**. Discuss what it means to become adopted into the family of God. **Galatians 4:4-7, Ephesians 1:5, 2 Corinthians 6:18**
3. Read **Acts 4:19-22**. Discuss the difference between biblical submission to the government compared to submission to the Word of God. **1 Peter 2:13-16, Romans 13:1-2, Galatians 1:8-10, Exodus 1:15-21**
4. Read **Acts 4:23-26**. Discuss the importance of telling other people about the things that the LORD has done for us. Discuss the importance of prayer, asking the LORD for protection and opportunities. **Psalms 133:1, Acts 4:24, Hebrews 13:16, Romans 12:13, Psalm 121:5-8, Isaiah 41:10, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**
5. Read **Acts 4:27-31**. Discuss the importance of relying on the Holy Spirit to speak on behalf of the LORD. **Ephesians 5:18, Acts 2:4, Ephesians 6:19, Romans 8:26, Romans 10:17**
6. Discuss the Practical Applications and the things we can gain when we call on the name of Jesus.