

The Power of The Name

“I now present to you...”

When a woman marries a man she receives his name. She loses her old identity, gains a new one. Beneath the authority of that new name she has the right to enter her husband's house. She has access to his finances, his possessions, everything he owns. Through the name of Jesus Christ, we have access to the treasuries of Heaven, where the streets are paved with gold and where the windows are made of diamonds, emeralds, and precious stones. Through Christ's name, we have access to the power and protection that only Heaven can provide.

That name, Jesus Christ, is the most powerful name upon the planet! Philippians 2:9-11 says, “Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in Heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” That name was made glorious for *our* assistance, not for Christ's. Christ has already defeated the power of the enemy at the cross, as recorded in Colossians 2:15 (NEB): “On that cross He discarded the cosmic powers and authorities like a garment; He made a public spectacle of them and led them as captives in His triumphal procession.” Though Christ totally vanquished the enemy at the time of the cross, yet the time was not yet for Satan's final decimation. Christ, having accomplished His victory, now stands aside and says, “That's how it is done. Now it's your turn!”

Why does Satan still have authority over this earth and why is Christ's authority not clearly evident over this world? Because His army of Christian soldiers is still waiting to stand up and fight.

Christ gave us all the authority that is within His name! He says to all His disciples, “Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits

are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven (Luke 10:19-20).” Then, “At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit (Luke 10:21).” Why did He rejoice greatly at this time? Because their names were associated with His in Heaven. The *result* of this fact was revealed by the authority the disciples had over demonic power!

1 John 3:8 gives the reason Christ came, and therefore also the directive for His army: “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” Some have protested saying, “How can I even find my enemy; I cannot even see him?” Destroy his works; destroy sin, sickness and disease, poverty, hatred, fear, and every other result of sin and the curse! When you do that, never fear; he will come looking for you!