

# The Name of Jesus

To know Jesus is to have a new beginning. Talking about Jesus from a distance is one thing, but talking and listening to the living, all knowing, eternal God is quite another.

The entire point of this column is to get you to read and say the name of Jesus as many times as possible.

We should not wait till we are in danger or discouragement to call upon him. It must happen every day. Jesus is the answer to every question. Jesus is the solution to every problem.

Jesus calls us to a higher way of living. Jesus gives us a powerful, life-changing command. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Now that's big. Loving our enemies. Loving someone enough to die for them. Loving someone, namely you and me, so much that we would leave eternal comforts and come to earth to save us? That's what Jesus did, and much of that Jesus calls us to do.

Jesus banishes fear. He does not simply treat it. He gets rid of it. Part of the solution is to believe what he says. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me."

But the other time is to simply call out his name. To say the name of Jesus vanquishes fear. It casts out demons. It changes the situation totally.

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. There is something about that name. Kings and kingdoms will all pass away. But there's something about that name." ~ Bill and Gloria Gaither, in one of the most powerful songs ever written.

They don't just say to call on Jesus. They write the song which repeats the name of Jesus again and again.

The names of Jesus are many. Look them up throughout the Bible. From Joshua to Adam, the Way, the Truth, the Life to Wonderful, Counselor, Prince of

Peace, Mighty God, King of Kings, Lord of Lord, every name has an additional description of all the things ( everything) that Jesus can do.

Jesus said, “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. This means is that he is the bookend of our lives. We start with Jesus, we end with Jesus, and in the middle is Jesus.

Many of Jesus’ words are written in the Bible. They are considered the most authoritative for faith of any of the other texts. The King James translators even put his words in red for emphasis and authority.

Jesus tells us to ask him anything, and he will answer. “So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.”

Jesus commands to pray for others, even our enemies. If all the world would bow and name of Jesus, there would be no hate or conflict anymore.

“But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

The name of Jesus changes everything.

“Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place, and gave Him the NAME above all NAMES, that at the NAME of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:10-11[emphasis added]

Say the name Jesus 100 times right now. Don’t worry about responsibility, time, or how it might look. And see if you do not feel better afterwards.

Many have reflected on the name and concept of Jesus, but it takes a personal relationship to know who he really is. Bernard of Clairvaux, born in 1090 in Dijon, France, was the Billy Graham of his day. Kings and churches looked to him for advice. He was a true mystic; his love of Jesus, his walk with Jesus, and all he did and said was based on a direct experience of Christ’s love. He wrote the hymn below. Originally it was 42 stanzas long (Look them up. It would be well worth your while and the name of Jesus would occur many times in your life.)

*Jesus, the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see  
And in thy presence rest.*

*Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
Nor can the mem'ry find  
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,  
O Savior of mankind!*

*O hope of ev'ry contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind thou art!  
How good to those who seek!*

*Jesus, our only joy be thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now,  
And thru eternity.*

The name of Jesus. Every day. A prescription for eternal life.