

In the NAME of the Lord Jesus

"And whatever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father" Col. 3:17.

Paul plainly states that what we say (word) and what we do (deed) should be done in "the name of the Lord Jesus." But what does that mean? It certainly must be important because it applies to "whatever you do..."

"In the name of the Lord" means to say and do things...

By His Authority - Does the Lord Jesus authorize me to do and say whatever I'm doing and saying? Is this what He really wants me to do or have I been presumptuous in going ahead without consulting the Lord?

For His Benefit - If Jesus is Lord (ruler) of my life then I will strive to render Him benefit. I will not serve self. I will be about the business my Lord called me to do. I will go where He sends me.

To His Glory - When we have success in carrying on the work of the Lord, we must be careful of pride. It is easy to have the "look what I've done" spirit rather than the humble spirit the Lord wants us to exhibit. What we do should be done for the purpose of rendering honor and glory to His name and not our own.

When a slave was sent by his master on a mission, he went in the name of his master ... not his own name. This means it was by his master's **AUTHORITY** and not his own; it was to render his master **BENEFIT** and not himself; and it was done to the **GLORY** of his master. We are slaves of Christ on a mission for Him ... let us do all things in the name of the Lord.

- Guy Orbison, Jr. - Church of Christ, Durango, CO - via *Bulletin Digest*

What Do We Owe God?

What do we owe God we ask? Suppose He sent His bill;
One hundred thousand for the sun upon the hill;
Two thousand for the brook that runs along the way,
Five hundred for the night time, and a thousand for the day.
Six hundred for the tiny flowers which tell us that it's spring.
These are the bills which everyone in every clime forget.
If God should charge us what we owe, we'd always be in debt!

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name" - Psalm 100:4

Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings!

News & Notes

LADIES MEETING: Tonight following the evening worship period.

This is to plan the next ladies work day. All ladies welcome.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the ladies to help make bears for children.

PANTRY: Spaghetti & sauce. Remember to bring a frozen turkey to help those in need this Thanksgiving season.

REMEMBER IN PRAYERS: Michelle Hanlon, Bobby Sheville, Bette Gentry, Bob & Scharlotte Cyphers, Shirley Thomas (Harry Nice's sister & Karen Strum's aunt), Richard Clutter (Eva Stefl's brother), Crystal Baker (Connie Cowdery's daughter).

REMEMBER THESE SHUT-INS: Mabel Sprout, Cheryl Stackpole.

OTHERS WITH PHYSICAL PROBLEMS: *City Hospital:* Ella Beagle. *Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh:* Bobby Sheville. *At Home:* Mary Jane Bowers, Gene Miller, Randy Beagle, Blondenia Orr, Virginia Rickerd, Fred & Ilene Rayl, Bertha Seman, Pauline Clutter, Dan Williams. Don't forget to encourage others confined to their homes and in nursing homes. They are listed on the bulletin board.

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

There is an old fable about a dog that boasted of his ability as a runner. One day he chased a rabbit but failed to catch it. The other dogs ridiculed him. He retorted, "Remember, the rabbit was running for his life, but I was only running for the fun of it."



People play games for fun. In fact, the basic reason for playing them is just that; fun and amusement. Too many times we find that Christians are just playing the game and are not really serious about their soul's salvation. Christianity is a game of life - eternal life. If we play it like a game, however, we will find ourselves losing - just like the dog that was running for the fun of it.

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*The ability to speak
in several languages is an asset,
but the ability to hold your tongue
in one language is priceless!*