

## The Name of Jesus

**Matthew 1:21-And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.** (KJV)

Saying Jesus' name with the heart, mind and soul makes a difference in life. Jesus' name profoundly nourishes the believer's whole body, mind and soul. A believer's behavior and demeanor are affected when Jesus' name is expressed. Prayerfully uttering Jesus' name unites the believer with the Lord Jesus Christ. Reciting Jesus' name creates an inseparable unity incapable of being broken. Jesus' followers have formidable strength when prayerfully uttering His name.

**Matthew 10:22-And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.** (KJV)

Christians are identified with Jesus and can expect hardship from this identity. Jesus was crucified and through the centuries His followers have faced suffering. The Lord promises faithful followers of His name will not be disappointed. Serious believers draw strength from Jesus' name when faced with suffering. Residual hope in Jesus' name makes hardship bearable for the serious believer. Strong love for Jesus' name changes the believer's life in immeasurable ways.

**Matthew 18:20-For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.** (KJV)

Believers gathered in Jesus' name in small numbers benefit from His presence. Small gatherings of believers in Jesus' name have their lives greatly enriched. Jesus enlightens believers coming together in His name for honorable reasons. Wise individuals understand the benefit of gathering together in Jesus' name. Jesus' followers coming together in His name are empowered by His presence. Life becomes orderly and purposeful when believers assemble in Jesus' name.

**Matthew 19:29-And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.** (KJV)

Leading a life in the name of Jesus entails seriousness and requires discipline. Living according to Jesus' name involves great sacrifice, faith and commitment. Jesus makes clear the sacrifice involved for those choosing to follow in His name. Believers choosing to follow in Jesus's name undertake the journey voluntarily. Eternal life awaits the believer faithful in following in Jesus' name until the end. Jesus' name conveys an enduring hope capable of sustaining faithful believers.

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