



THE GREATEST NAME

Acts 16:16-18 & Acts 19:13-17

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- **¹⁶ And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:
¹⁷ The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most-high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. ¹⁸ And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.**

A Powerful Name

- Acts 1:8 - ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- Mark 16:17-18 - ¹⁷ These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. ¹⁸ They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.”

A Powerful Name

- **The Holy Spirit is the means/person by which we access to the power of God that comes through Jesus Christ.**
- **Ephesians 2:18 - ¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.**
- **The name of Jesus gives us access to the power.**

A Powerful Name

- **Philippians 2:9-11** - ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A Powerful Name

- **This is why whenever we do anything in the spiritual realm we must invoke the name of Jesus.**
- **The name of Jesus has authority, and it has power because of His blood shed on the cross for us.**

A Powerful Name

- **Hebrews 9:15 - ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.**

A Powerful Name

- We need to understand that the Holy Spirit is in league with Jesus, they work in perfect unison. (Philippians 1:19, Romans 8:9 & John 16:13-14)
- The Holy Spirit does not move because we tell Him to move, nor does He speak because we tell Him to.
- We must keep Jesus' name holy and not treat it has a "magic word" to get what we want.

A Powerful Name

- **The Holy Spirit desires to bring glory to Jesus. Miracles show the proof of Jesus' power, authority, deity and resurrection. Jesus desires to bring glory to the Father. (John 14:13)**
- **The name of Jesus is the on switch to releasing the Holy Spirit's power. However, we must treat Jesus' name reverently and not flippantly.**
- **Acts 3:16 - ¹⁶ "Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus' name has healed him before your very eyes**

Acts 19:13-17

- **¹³ Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” ¹⁴ Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. ¹⁵ And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” ¹⁶ Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.**

A Powerful Relationship

- **True power must first have a powerful relationship**
- **If there is no relationship with Jesus, then there is no relationship with the Holy Spirit.**
- **We must be living a life worthy of the Holy Spirit.**

A Powerful Relationship

- **What is the purpose of prayer and fasting? It strengthens our relationship and faith in and with Christ Jesus**
- **It is faith in Jesus Christ the Man that changes circumstances**
- **The faith that says and knows Jesus can and will do more than I can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20)**

A Powerful Relationship

- **Acts 4:30-31 - ³⁰ Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.**
- **If you want to walk in power, make sure only Jesus gets the glory.**

The Powerful Blood

- **Access to the name and power of Christ only comes because of the blood of Jesus.**
- **Colossians 1:19-20 - ¹⁹ For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, ²⁰ and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.**

The Powerful Blood

- Revelation 12:11a - ¹¹ And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony.
- The blood reminds us that it is not our way or our power. To plead the blood of Jesus, remember or invoke the blood of Jesus is to acknowledge our hope, our strength and the source of all blessings and promises come through the blood that flowed down the cross.