

“Praying In Jesus’ Name, Being Filled With The Spirit”

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NOTES

Scripture Refs

Matt. 28:19–20; Luke 11:13; John 7:37–39; 14:13,15–17; 15:16; 16:7–8,23–24
Acts 1:5,6–8; 2:1–4,37–38; 4:12,31; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19; 12:13; 2 Cor. 3:18
Eph. 1:13; 3:1–6; 5:17–18; 1 John 1:9; 2:1; 5:14

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Reflection & Discussion

1. (From last week) Why is “asking in Jesus’ Name” not a *formula*, but actually a sign that you are *abiding* in Him?
 - a. Why do you think some believers think that ending their prayers “in Jesus’ name” is like hitting the ‘send’ button for an email/text?
 - b. How might you describe the significance of His *name* to a new believer?

2. (From last week) Consider and have an open discussion about:
 - a. Why believers don’t have a passion for praying to God. How would you counsel a Christian who’s in that place?
 - b. Contrast that with: *what motivates believers to ‘never cease’* in their prayer lives?
 - c. What steps do you/can you take in order to maintain a zealous prayer life?

3. The Holy Spirit’s ministry in a Christian’s life is 2-fold: *indwelling* and *filling*.
 - a. Describe each, and then discuss the *significant differences* between the two.
 - b. What Bible passages are helpful to understanding these distinctions?
 - c. Why do you think God designed our lives to need *continual filling* rather than *one-time empowerment*?

4. Consider your relationship with the Holy Spirit: in what areas is it ‘strong’? ‘weak’?
 - a. How should Christians continually *cultivate* their relationship with Him?
 - b. According to John, how can believers ‘measure’ whether their ‘Spirit-reliance’ is *strong*?