

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Mark Davis

Song Leader
Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper
Jon Barry Clay Morris
Cole Meador Matt Davis

Prayers
Jack Calvert Preston Ellis

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Mark Davis

Song Leader
Cory Easley

Lord's Supper
Dave Massey Sonny Monaghan

Prayers
Jon Barry Cory Easley

WEDNESDAY

Announcements
Dee Minter

Song Leader
Jack Calvert

Prayers
Clay Morris Matt Davis

Invitation
Jon Barry

ABOUT US

Elders
Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons
Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Dave Massey

Evangelist
Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday
Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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Calling On the Name of the Lord

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Part One:

It seems to this writer that oftentimes we see a passage relating to us and assume that it is a "new command" for those under the Law of Christ. For example, Paul said, "For in it [the gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith' (Rom. 1.17). Obviously, children of God are to "live by faith", but notice that Paul says, "as it is written" (referring to Habakkuk 2.4). The point is that it did not matter if you were under the Law of Christ or the Law of Moses, God has always required His people to "live by faith". This same principle is understood when Peter preached, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2.21).

To call on the Lord simply means to invoke, or appeal to, God. There is no doubt that the Bible teaches that one can appeal to

God with a verbal calling, as in a prayer (Psalm 118.5, etc.); however, it can be established in Scripture that this calling is not necessarily a verbal calling in every text. It should be understood that every time we obey Christ we are obeying His authority. Paul wrote, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col. 3.17). When one acts in accordance to God's will or authority, He is doing that which is "in the name of the Lord".

In the Old Testament, we read, "...Then men began to call on the name of the Lord" (Gen. 4.26). These people were seeking to be approving to God by obeying His authority in whatever God required. This was in contrast to those who rejected God's authority. Elsewhere we read, "And he [Abram]...built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord" (Gen. 12.8; cf. 13.4; 21.33; 26.25). Notice that calling

FAMILY TALK

Joey Avance got the results of his throat culture on Friday.

Remember **L. G. Clemmons, Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Mary Alice Turner** and **Max Thomas**.

Karen Calvert's father has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep all of the family in your prayers.

Pat Buls is awaiting results from her heart tests.

Tyna Armstrong is scheduled for back surgery January 24th.

Helen Kinney is recuperating from a broken leg.

Several others have been out due to various illnesses.

Elders, Deacons & Preacher Meeting: The quarterly meeting will be January 29th at 5:00 PM at the building if everyone is present. If you have matters to discuss with them, please either let one of them know or you can attend the meeting.

Psalm 113:2 Blessed be the name of Jehovah, From this time forth and for evermore.

Psalm 124:8 Our help is in the name of Jehovah, Who made heaven and earth.

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on the name of the Lord was involved in the process of sacrificing to Him. That is because conditions have always been placed on all those who would make this calling.

Our Lord taught, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall" (Matt. 7.21-27).

At least three points can be deduced from the text. First, to call Jesus Lord and do nothing is not the will of the Father (21). Many will call on Him and simply "go about their business". They will not be faithful unto death (Rev. 2.10). Next, to call Jesus Lord and do what we think is good is not the will of the Father (22-23). One cannot just call on Him however they please. It is not up to man to determine his own salvation on his own terms. We cannot just subjectively claim that

this calling is verbal, as in a prayer. Rather, whatever we do must be in accordance to His will. Finally, to call Jesus Lord and do what He says is the will of the Father (24-27). These people will hear Jesus' teachings and obey them. Since calling on His name results in salvation, it can be said that calling on His name is synonymous with obeying His will.

Therefore, it must be understood that any and all who called on the name of the Lord under (or before) the Law of Moses were simply meeting the conditions of salvation under that dispensation or covenant. In Abraham's case, he and all his male household were to be circumcised as a sign of the covenant between him and God. Once obeyed, this was Abraham "calling on the Lord" in obedience. The same is true when he offered animal sacrifices in hopes that God would extend him mercy and forgiveness. With each sacrifice, Abraham was "calling on the Lord" in obedience. While each covenant or dispensation includes its own conditions for forgiveness, calling on the name of the Lord has always required the same thing: obedience to the revealed word of God.

Furthermore, Peter wrote, "And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear" (1 Peter 3.17). Notice the implications if one is to call on the Father. First, the called-upon Father will judge according to one's work (obedience to His will) and secondly, we are to conduct ourselves here on earth in

fear (reverent awe and respect). We should be impressed that calling on the name of the Lord never excludes obedience to His will. Additionally, calling on His name includes repentance. Paul opened His letter, "To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours" (1 Cor. 1.2). When were these Corinthians sanctified? According to 1 Corinthians 6.9-11, it was after they repented. Therefore, calling on His name involves repentance and obedience to His will. No wonder Paul wrote, "...Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity" (2 Tim. 2.19). One cannot call on Him without doing the will of the Father.

We will continue our study next week.
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