

July 24, 2022



# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Why Do We Pray “In Jesus’ Name, Amen”?

Often at the close of a prayer, people quickly finished with a flurry of words that sound something like, “in Jesus’ name, amen.” But why? The phrase “**in my name,**” referencing Jesus, is used in multiple Scriptural places for multiples actions:

- Matthew 18:5 Jesus speaks of being gathered “in My name”
- Mark 9:37 He said to receive a child “in My name”
- Mark 9:39, 41 “in My name”
- John 20:31 says that by believing we “have life in His name”
- Matthew 24:5; Mark 13:6; Luke 9:48 – “receives a child in my name”
- Matthew 18:20 – “where two or three are gathered in my name”
- Mark 9:38-39; Luke 21:8 – “tried to cast out demons in your name”
- John 14:13-14 – “if you ask anything in my name, I will do it”
- John 14:26 – “Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in my name”
- John 15:16 – “chosen...bear fruit...whatever you ask in my name Father will do it”

So, what is the point of the phrase, “in my name”? Could it be that Jesus wanted people to do all things in Jesus’ name, as Colossians 3:17 suggests? I believe so.

Why is it that we almost exclusively use “in Jesus’ Name” at the end of our prayers? Consider these examples from Scripture: Lord’s Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-15*) **NO “in Jesus’ name”**. Garden of Gethsemane (*Matthew 26:39, 42; Luke 22:42*) **NO “in Jesus’ name”**. On the Cross (*Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34; Luke 23:46*) **NO “in Jesus’ name”**. Paul’s prayer for Ephesian Christians (*Ephesians 3:14-21*) **NO “in Jesus’ name”**.

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Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 290 / On Line Views: 140  
Sunday School: 222 / On Line Views: 167  
Sunday PM: 186 / On Line Views: 154  
Wednesday: 198 / On Line Views: 83  
Budget: \$13,300  
Contribution: \$ 17,051

### JULY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

**Jean-Claubert Belton**  
**Carrefour Michaud #46 Route Malpasse**  
**Entrée Double Harvest**  
**Croix des Bouquets**  
**Haiti**

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES:

**July 27<sup>th</sup>: Ty Rhymes (Chisholm Hills)**  
Worshipping God In Song  
“What About Instruments Of Music In Worship?”

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jeff Abrams (Tuscumbia)**  
The Design of Holy Marriage Set Forth By God

#### Continuation:

In considering these passages, you may be wondering where did the phrase “in Jesus name” come from? It came from the Bible—John 14:13-14. But what is the point of the biblical phrase? It could be that we are to say these words verbatim. Or it could be that we must, 1) have a heart given to Jesus 2) with mental acknowledgement that the only reason we have access to God is through Jesus (Hebrews 4:14–16) and 3) pray with the utmost reverence for God (Hebrews 5:7) in the name of Jesus. Maybe it’s a combination of the two? We then, in heart and mind and body and soul, understand and express reverence and understanding to God as we pray in Jesus’ name.

It is clear from Scripture that everything we do must be done in Jesus’ name—Colossians 3:17, “*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.*”. I would challenge each of us to be more aware of this and use Jesus’ name more often in actions and words outside of prayer alone. It also seems to be the case from Scripture that we do not have to say the phrase “in Jesus’ name” specifically to be heard by God. Cornelius in Acts 10 was heard even though he was not a Christian and consider that each of the prayer examples mentioned above did *not* contain “in Jesus’ name”.

My final challenge is that we shake up our routine and move “in Jesus’ name” from the end of the prayer as a final and almost rhythmic end and place it at the beginning. Doing so would renew one’s awareness of *how* we are heard by God and *why* we are even able to pray to the Father. Placing this phrase at the beginning of one’s prayer will also prioritize Jesus’ name above everything else mentioned in prayer. And in doing so, the phrase “in Jesus’ name” will work on your heart and mind in new ways starting today.

*Austin Johnson*

### GOLF SCRAMBLE

There will be a Church Wide Golf Scramble on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, please see Gregg Elrod or Nick Hayes.

### WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL BENEFIT DINNER

Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Florence Blvd Church of Christ. Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 256-766-3617 or at [worldbibleschool.net/florence2022](http://worldbibleschool.net/florence2022) or [rsvp@worldbibleschool.net](mailto:rsvp@worldbibleschool.net) or 1-800-311-2006. If you have any questions, please see Dave Schmidt or Jerry Trousdale.

### 52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN

#### Week 29

**Sunday** (Epistles) Colossians 3-4

**Monday** (The Law) Lev. 16-18

**Tuesday** (History) 2 Kings 11-15

**Wednesday** (Psalms) Psalm 84-86

**Thursday** (Poetry) Proverbs 11-12

**Friday** (Prophecy) Ezekial 31-36

**Saturday** (Gospels) Luke 21-22