

CHARACTER & POWER

In The Name

Foundation Statement: Coming in the name of Jesus denotes that you not only come in the power of that name, but you come also in the character that name carries

- I. Name represents power. When you come in the name of a person you come with the power that person carries and it's as if that person were standing before you today. (Acts 4:7, John 5:43 AMP)**
 - A. We've been sent in the name of Jesus (Matthew 28:18, Mark 16:25, Phil 2:9-11)
 - B. When we come in his authority and power we are coming in all authority and power
 - C. There's more to coming in the name of Jesus than just coming in the power of that name. When you come in the name of Jesus you're also coming in the character that name demonstrates; 1 Chron 17:24, 23:13 (AMP), John 14:14 (AMP), John 17:26 (AMP)
- II. You cannot walk in the power of that name without first all qualifying yourself to do so by walking in the character that name carries**
 - A. Jesus qualified himself to walk in the power of the Father's name by demonstrating the character of the Father's name (John 5:43, 19)
- III. When you violate the character of the name you're coming in, you disqualify yourself for the power that name carries. Without the character of that name in place the power of that name won't work.**
 - A. They tried to use the name of Jesus, but because they lacked the character of that name, the power of that name did not work (Acts 19:13-16)
 1. EX: Coming to the golf course in my name
 - B. You can be born again and have the name of Jesus, but the system is set up that if you don't walk in the character of that name you will not see the power of that name work (Mark 9:38)
- IV. We've talked so much about the power of the name of Jesus while neglecting to talk about the character of that name.**
 - A. Jesus demonstrated character
 1. Matthew 14 – John was beheaded
 2. Matthew 26, Luke 22:44 – The first drop of blood didn't come from a whip, a thorn, or a nail, the first drop of blood came because of his refusal to violate the character of the Father
 - B. You are as much like Jesus in power as you are like him character