

Transforming Peter
Week 10 notes
Acts 3:1-16
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IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUR WORK, WORSHIP, AND WITNESS

I. What's in a Name?

A. *"The Servant of God"* vs13

In Life: Jesus' life on earth always worked to glorify God and bring His Kingdom come

B. *"The Holy and Righteous One"* vs14

In Death: Jesus' atoning death on the cross, as the Messiah,
was in our place and for our sins

C. *"The Author of Life"* vs15

In Resurrection: Jesus' resurrection from the grave is proof of his total power and
authority over death, hell, and the grave as God

II. What it Doesn't Mean

A. Not a Genie in a Bottle, Invincibility Potion, or Magic Spell

B. The Seven Sons of Sceva

-Acts 19:13-16

There is power in the name of Jesus, because there is power in the Son of God, Holy and Righteous One, Author of Life, named Jesus

III. What it Does Mean

OUR WORK, WORSHIP, AND WITNESS
ARE ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS

A. WHY WE WORK: In a Position of Real Humility in Christ (vs 12)

"why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?" -Acts 3:12

1. "In the name of Jesus" is a positioning of our hearts, and congruency in our actions

2. We're not working to make a name for ourselves, or
in the business of building our own kingdom
-it means we work for His glory and to build his kingdom

3. We aren't called to give away something that we don't have (vs6)
4. We don't work in our own power or through our own "godliness" (piety)

THE NAME OF JESUS REPURPOSES OUR WORK

"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." **-Colossians 3:17**

B. HOW WE WORSHIP: In a Position of Total Reliance on Christ (vs 13-15)

He is the *"servant of God, Holy and Righteous One, Author of life"*- Acts 3:13-15

1. *"In the name of Jesus"* changes the positioning of our hearts to trust in Jesus
"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." **-2 Cor 5:21**
2. It changes how we come to the Father
"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." **-Hebrews 4:16**
3. It changes how we respond to Jesus
-We repent, baptize, have faith, ask, give thanks, delight, etc,
...all in the name of Jesus

THE NAME OF JESUS REFRAMES HOW WE WORSHIP

C. FOR WHOM WE WITNESS: In a Proclamation of Full Allegiance to Jesus (vs 15b-16)

"to this we are witnesses" Acts 3:15

1. *"In the Name of Jesus"* is a profession of our faith in Jesus as Lord of our lives
2. We align ourselves under His power and authority in our lives
as the Author of Life

THE NAME OF JESUS REFOCUSES FOR WHOM WE BEAR WITNESS

Questions:

1. Are we trying to give away something we don't have?
2. What is it that causes us to feel like we need to work out of our own power or piety?
3. Can Everything we do and say be done and said "in the name of Jesus?"