

ACTING ON THE NAME

1 Corinthians 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

The phrase “the name of Jesus” occurs 11 times in the Bible (in 11 verses). The phrase occurs some 9 times in the Book of Acts. How did the apostles and disciples “act” upon HIS NAME?

1. In His Name We Have Dedication – Acts 2:38
 - a) Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
 - b) **Refute** Baptismal Regeneration: Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
2. In His Name We Have Deliverance – Acts 3:6
 - a) Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
3. In His Name We Have Discovery – Acts 4:10
 - a) Acts 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.
4. In His Name We Have Defiance – Acts 4:18; 5:40 and 26:9
 - a) Acts 4:18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.
 - b) Acts 5:40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.
 1. Acts 5:41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.
 2. Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.
 - c) Acts 26:9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.
5. In His Name We Have Decisions – Acts 8:12
 - a) Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
6. In His Name We Have Defense – Acts 9:27
 - a) Acts 9:27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.
7. In His Name We Have Dominion – Acts 16:18
 - a) Acts 16:18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.
 1. What she did: Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:
 2. Acts 16:17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.