

Going Deeper with the Sermon  
Rob John 14-17 "In the name of Jesus"

**6 times in Jesus' final discourse, Jesus promises** V 14,15,16 you will receive whatever you ask for in His Name. So how do we understand this?

Firstly we need to understand the **purpose of God**. His purpose is to be known, honoured, revered and glorified, John 8:50; John 12:28 From Creation this has been God's purpose in all of his initiatives. Eze 39:7; Col 1:27.

It is seen in Jesus' mission as we see his desire to make the fullness of God known so as to glorify him. And this continues to be his mission in his exalted state at the right hand of the father in heaven. As our prophet, our priest, and King....Phil 2:9-11

#### **A little context of John 14-17**

Jesus enters Jerusalem and states the time has come to be glorified, Father Glorify yourself in other words make your ultimate purpose known. Here he takes his disciples aside and predicts his betrayal, peter's denial, his death, and then starts to comfort them. His comfort goes something like this, "guys I have been with ya for a while now. You know who I am... The Father and I are one. I am going to go now and complete the fathers work and bring him the ultimate Glory... Now let me pray!!!! And it is in this context that he talks about praying in His name.

From Jesus' example we see that man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. ... To glorify God is to set God highest in our thoughts, and, to have a venerable esteem of him....John 14:12-14; John 20:31

It is to abide in him and to follow the Master's example....John 15:7-8; John 15:16

So if Jesus is the messiah of the poor then we need to engage ourselves in the struggle against poverty... If Jesus wants to liberate the oppressed, we need to join God in the struggle for liberation. When we read that God commands God's people to welcome the stranger in our midst, we need to become involved with the longing of fairness and equality for all.

John 16:23-27

In the name of our Great Priest means to partition the father as he has done... to pray in light of his revelation of God.. In accordance with his character, enact His intentions and Concerns. In union with him is in other words to pray as Jesus himself would pray...

When we use the name of Jesus in our prayers, they must be prayers that he himself would endorse. It is with his approval and authority that we pray when we use his name.

**EVERYTHING IS TO BE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, BY POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!!!**

<sup>2Pe 1:3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

<sup>1Th 2:11-12</sup> For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

To pray in the name of Jesus is to pray in such a way as to honour God's purpose of making himself known, it is to pray with God's intentions in mind and it is to acknowledge our submission to His ultimate plans.

Questions for reflection

1. Is there anything captures our attention about prayer?
2. Reflect upon your prayer or the prayers that you hear of others—how do they reflect God's purposes?
3. Have you ever thought about the authority of praying in Jesus name? What thoughts come to your mind?
4. Is there something you sense God is asking you to change about your prayer life?