

Living as the Glorious Church

Overview.

Man was created to be a god over the earth. Satan became the god of the earth (2 Cor 4:4) when Adam sinned. Jesus, the Last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), undid what Adam had done and restored us to godship over the earth. The Age of Grace provides us the time and opportunity to be saved, to grow into our restored godship and to mature into all the blessings of our Salvation Package.

Review.

A. You are gods.

1. Direct proof

Gen 1:26, 28 combined. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over all the earth and subdue it, and over and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.

Ps 82:6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

2. Indirect proof

Pro 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

B. God's Plan has always been for a Glorious Church.

1. Without sin, Adam and his descendants would have been a church (body of believers) full of the glory of God, without sin, sickness nor death; and having dominion over all, including the devil, on the earth; and maturing into overcomers who cannot die.

Everything was done at the cross and by the resurrection. The Blood was poured on the Mercy Seat to give us the Age of Grace. The Glorious Church has already been restored.

2. The Glorious Church.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection;

A. How Would the OT Glorious Church Pray?

1. Adam & his descendants.

There would be no Jesus and so they could not pray in the Name of Jesus.

They are gods over the earth and would say and command whatever they need.

2. The "Glorious Church" under Law.

Gen 5:24 Enoch walked in agreement with God and was taken.

Joshua 10:12 Then spoke Joshua and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

v13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed,

v14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel.

2 Kings 1:10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty.

B. How Should the NT Glorious Church Pray?

1. They are as Adam's descendants would be, if Adam had not sinned.

So, they do not need to pray in the Name of Jesus.

From Matthew to John 14, there are no scriptures telling us to pray in the NOJ or pray in His Name except Mark 16:17 on ministering (to be addressed later).

Matt 17:20 With faith as a mustard seed nothing shall be impossible for you.

Mark 5:34 Daughter, thy faith has made thee whole.

Luke 17:6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. **Note:** The very next verse is the first to state "Ask in my Name".

2. Mark 11:22-24 are instructions for praying as gods over the earth.

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in (*of*) God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

C. The Church during the Age of Grace.

The expression "In my name" is used 17 times in the NT but only in the Gospels, wherein 7 times, it is used for prayer. All seven are in John. There is 1 other time in Mark where it is used as the sign following the ministry of believers. See below.

All the ones in John are used to specify how they should pray after Jesus has left them (i.e., how to pray in the Age of Grace, during which they have the Name of Jesus).

1. Praying

Joh 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give [it] you.

Joh 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Joh 16:26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

2. Ministering.

The expression "Name of Jesus" is used 11 times, 9 in Acts and 2 shown below. 5 times begin with: and, by, to, call (greeting in 1 Cor 1:2), at (Phil 2:10).

The expression "In the Name of Jesus" is used 6 times in the NT, all in Acts.

All are used for ministering healing and deliverance to others.

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10 times it is preceded by: receive (3x), gather, come (3X), do, give & follow.

Mar 16:17 And these signs shall **follow** them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

D. The Church after the Age of Grace.

Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Note: All will be deceived except the very elect, who are walking in strong meat moving onto perfection and whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Rev 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Rev 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

v13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

1. Praying “In His Name”

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Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Joh 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and [that] your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

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2. Ministering “In the Name of Jesus”

Name of Jesus NT 11 (6 are IN THE NOJ, all in acts)

Act 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.

Act 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.

Act 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.

Act 4:18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

Act 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.

Act 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.

Act 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.

Act 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.

Act 26:9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

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