

## ACCESS CODE: IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Activate your access code and bring heaven's attention to your need by calling on the name of Jesus.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ Access codes are important. They can place you in a certain category, where, in certain situations, you are privy to information that others do not have. Access codes give us authority and privileges. An access code gives us power.
- ❖ God has given us various means to access Him and the blessings in His Kingdom. When we know the access codes to the Kingdom of heaven, then we can access the spiritual blessings God has bestowed on us and experience the awesome power of Almighty God.
- ❖ We can access God through His Word, through His Spirit within us, through prayer, and then there is **THE NAME....**
- ❖ In the Jewish culture, names are very important and sacred. They are given to show a person's (actual or desired) character or reputation.
- ❖ Matthew 1:21: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."
- ❖ Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. And the Church, which is founded by Jesus, formed by Jesus, commissioned by Jesus, and empowered by Jesus, is the body of Christ. This Church is ruled by Jesus, sanctified by Jesus, and protected by Jesus.
- ❖ Therefore, we the Church have the authority to use the power of the name of Jesus in our lives and in the lives of others.
- ❖ "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:17, KJV).
- ❖ We need to understand what is behind the name of Jesus. What "backative" does the name Jesus have? God gives authority to the name Jesus! (Refer to Philippians 2:9-11.)
- ❖ God's character, His integrity, His throne, His existence, His reputation, and all that God is in His entirety is behind the name Jesus!
- ❖ Whatever the need, whatever the situation in your life that leaves you speechless, the shortest and most powerful prayer you can ever pray is: JESUS! JESUS! JESUS!
- ❖ **CAUTION:** We need to be careful when using the name "JESUS".
  - **Caution # 1:** If you are one of those individuals that shout "Jesus" with connotations before and after the name (when you hurt your toe, when you're angry, etc.), be aware that you cannot disrespect the name of the Lord in that manner and get away with it.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-11

- **Caution # 2:** You cannot go shouting "In Jesus' name" if you do not know the God of **THE NAME**, if you do not have a relationship with Christ. The enemy knows when you do not have a clue about the Jesus whom you are calling on. Look at what happened to the sons of Sceva! (See Acts 19:11-17.)
- ❖ When we use the name of Jesus, we are admitting the powerlessness of our own name and acknowledging His authority. We the Church are married to Him. We are His representatives. Therefore, we have every right to use His name.
- ❖ The name of Jesus gives us access. The name of Jesus backs us up with all the power and authority of heaven.
- ❖ When we call on Jesus, all things are possible!
- ❖ We need to know the God of the name, the God behind the power, the God behind the authority. When we know and understand this sovereign God, we can call on Jesus and heaven will stand at attention.
- ❖ We are igniting the power source, a source that can immediately change situations and create chaos in the enemy's world.
- ❖ It's all in JESUS!
- ❖ No matter how many times you call on that name, it will never lose the authority and the power behind it.
- ❖ Let us activate our access code and bring heaven's attention to our need when we call on the name of Jesus.

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Giving scripture references, what are some of the codes God has given us to access the kingdom of heaven? Why would some find this easy or hard to do?
2. The sons of Sceva tried to access the power that is in the name of Jesus—to their detriment (see Acts 19:11-17). In your opinion, why did they meet with this particular outcome?
3. Share with the group instances where you activated your access code (Jesus' name) in your life. What was the result (whether immediate or after some time had passed)?

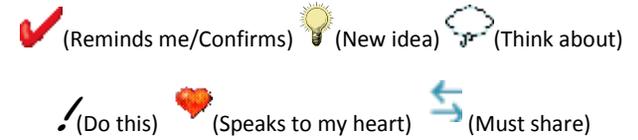
### Prayer Time

Lord, may I never forget, never replace, never trade the access code you have given me: in Jesus' name—for there is power in Your name!

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.




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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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L.G. Ice-Breaker: Do you know how many access codes/passwords you have for home/work; your computer/phone?

*Go deeper with your Life Group family.*  
**CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD**  
*Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline*