**Acts 4 – In the Name of Jesus**

**The Apostles preach in the name of Jesus – 4:5 -14**

1. The authorities ask the apostles in whose name/authority they had healed the man 4:7
2. Peter preaches in the death & resurrection of Jesus – 4:10
3. Peter declared that the man was healed in the name/authority of Jesus – 4:10,3:6
4. Peter preaches that Jesus is the rejected stone of Ps. 118:22 – 4:11
5. Peter preaches that Jesus is the resurrected cornerstone – 4:11
6. Peter preaches that Jesus is the only source of salvation – 4:12

**The Council of the Jews demand the apostles stop preaching in the name of Jesus – 4:15 -22**

1. The council saw the confidence of the apostles & remembered they had been with Jesus 4:13
2. The council could not answer or explain away the miracle of healing – 4:14
3. The council commanded them to speak to more in the name of Jesus – 4:18
4. Peter declared that the apostles cannot stop speaking about what they have seen and heard – 4:20

**The Church asks for boldness to continue to preaching in the name of Jesus – 4: 23 -31**

1. The church prayed Ps. 146:6 – Praise the God who made all things – 4:24
2. The church prayed Ps. 2:1 – The nations have risen up against the Lord & his anointed One – 4:25 -26
3. The church praised God for His plan and purposes being accomplished through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the Lord – 4:27 -28
4. The church prays for confidence to speak in the name of Jesus as the apostles demonstrate by preaching and miracles the power of the name of Jesus – 4:29 -30
5. The church was filled with Spirit & preached the word of God with boldness – 4:31

**The Name above all names Jesus**

The name of Jesus = Savior represents all the life and work of Jesus for the salvation of mankind

His Life

 His humiliation – birth

 His incarnation – became a man – God/Man

 His death – death on the cross

 His resurrection from the dead

 His exaltation & enthronement in heaven

His power the power of God

His authority as God’s son

His words – the words of God

**Believers are to pray in the name of Jesus**

1. John 14:13 -14
2. Praying in the name of Jesus is coming to God in prayer based on the righteousness of Jesus through His death & resurrection
3. Praying in the name of Jesus is asking that God’s glory be done by our prayers 2 Thess. 1: 11-12
4. Praying in the name of Jesus is coming to God because we are united to Christ we are in Christ – Eph. 2:6
5. Praying in the name of Jesus is asking God to produce gospel fruit from our lives – John 15:16
6. Praying in the name of Jesus results in joy for answered prayers – John 16:24, Eph. 5:20

**Believers are to preach in the name of Jesus**

1. Luke 24:47 – repentance for the forgiveness of sins be proclaimed in His name
2. Acts 4:12 – no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved
3. Acts 10:43 – through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sin
4. Rom. 10:13 -15 – whosoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

**Believers gather for worship in the name of Jesus**

1. Matt. 18:20 – where two or three gather together in My name, I am there in the midst
2. 1 Cor. 1:2 – saints by calling with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord

**Believers will be hated for the name of Jesus**

1. Luke 21:17 – you will be hated by all because of My name
2. John 15: 18 -21 – If the world hates you, know that it hated Me before it hated you
3. Acts 5:41- rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer for His name

**Believers live in words & deeds in the name of Jesus**

1. Col. 3:17 – Whatever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus
2. 1 Tim. 6:1 – that the name of God & our doctrine will not be spoken against
3. Acts 15:26 – men who risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
4. Acts 21:13 – I am ready to die for the name of the Lord Jesus

**Lord Jesus – Savior**

**Heb. 7:25**

1. He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them

**Phil 2: 9 -11**

1. God gave Him the name above all names – 2:9
2. Every knee will bow to the name of Jesus – 2:10
3. Every tongue will confess Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father – 2:11

**Eph. 1: 21 -22**

1. Jesus raised and exalted in heavenly places far above all rule, authority, power, dominion and every name that is named
2. His name is above all names of every age

**Oh what a Savior!**

Savior = to rescue, to deliver!

Acts 4:12 – there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved

1 Tim. 1: 9 -10 – who saved us & called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose & grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death

and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

1 John 4:14 – We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world

Jude 24 -25 – Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and time and forever, Amen