THE AUTHORITY GIVEN TO US THROUGH THE NAME OF JESUS

INTRODUCTION
The name of Jesus is all that we need to receive all the benefits that God makes available to us in the work of our redemption. We are exhorted throughout scripture of our need to know all that our spiritual inheritance in Christ has afforded to us through faith. Our salvation from Satan's reign began by accepting in faith all that Christ has made available to us and how it must be maintained throughout our salvation journey by faith in God’s promises provided to us through His word. Many are enjoying some of the benefits that the blood of Jesus has purchased for us while at the same time not fully embracing all that Christ has given to us through His death and resurrection. All that God has promised us can only be received by faith! That faith must be solely placed on the man Christ Jesus and in the power that His name has been given by Heaven's authority.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.” Ephesians 1:3

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6

I. ALL THE BENEFITS OF SALVATION COME SOLELY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

A. The name of Jesus was given to the Son of God by Heaven's decree. Although the name "Jesus" is both a common name to Jews in both the Hebrew and Greek languages, it is the perfect name to describe the mission of God's Son and His purpose for coming to earth as a human being.

1. Names gave definition to one’s identity, their calling and mission in life.

   “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

   “The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.” Proverbs 18:10
2. "Jesus" is the English form of the Greek name "Iesous" which is the Greek form of the Aramaic name "Yeshu’a." "Yeshu'a" is the Aramaic form of the "Hebrew name of "Yehoshua." "Yehoshua" in English is "Joshua or Jesus."

   a) **Jesus** - in Greek means "God is Salvation"

   b) **Joshua** - in Hebrew means "Yahweh is Salvation"

3. **Jesus** is identified as the "Christ." In Greek "Christos" means "Christ the Anointed One." In Hebrew "Mashiah" means "Messiah the Anointed." Jesus Christ is therefore, "Jesus Christ, the Anointed Messiah" or "Anointed Savior."

B. "He will save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). The Greek word for "SAVE" is "SOZO" which means, "to save, deliver, protect, heal, preserve, make whole."

C. The Apostle Peter clearly reveals that the name of "Jesus" not only "Saves" people from their sins, but also **heals** them from the effects of sin in our soul and our body.

   “Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” **Acts 3:6**

   “Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.” **Acts 4:10,12**

II. **FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST MAKES US WHOLE**

   “And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.” **Acts 3:16**

Because the Father has exalted the name of Jesus Christ there is no other name under Heaven or on Earth or underneath the earth that can compare to the all-powerful name of Jesus. The power of God is not so much just in the name Jesus since there are many people that are called by that same name. However it's the name that represents the one who is not only Son of Man but also the very Son of God.

   “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” **Philippians 2:9-11**
The woman with the issue of blood received her healing because of her faith. The question we need to ask is; 'What strengthened her faith to believe that she might receive her healing?' It was faith that she placed on the name, the person of Jesus.

“When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment... And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.” Mark 5:27, 34

Faith in Jesus Christ makes us whole. Not only will His power heal our souls for salvation but faith in His name is able to restore our physical body from the ill effects and penalty of sin.

"WHOLE" - healthy, well in body, be sound." The word comes from the base word "Owxano" which means to grow, to enlarge, to increase - Healing may be instantaneous or increasingly progressive - Matt. 12:13, 15:31, Mk. 3:5; 5:34; Lk. 6:10, Jn. 5:4, 6, 9; 11, 14-15, 7:23, Acts 4:10

"Happy is the man who comes to understand that it is the will of God to heal, to manifest the power of Jesus and to reveal to us His Fatherly love." - Andrew Murray

III. THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST’S NAME – SON OF GOD & SON OF MAN

A. "Who do you say that I am?" This was the question Jesus asked His disciples after hearing what the general public was saying who He was. The disciples gave Him several different answers but after all their replies, Jesus asked them who they thought He was to them. Peter's reply was completely different from what the crowd was saying who Jesus was.

“Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’” Matthew 16:16

B. Unless we have a personal revelation of who Christ is we cannot fully receive the full benefits of redemption that He has paid for us on the cross. If we see Jesus as only an anointed teacher, a prophetic voice or just a man of God, then we will never be able to receive by faith the fullness of what He can give to us as the Son of God.

“Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.” Matthew 13:58
C. Those who were from Jesus's hometown of Nazareth could not see beyond His humanity and therefore were not able to see Him as the Son of God. Because they knew Him as Jesus the son of Mary, the carpenter's son, the one who as a child played with the neighborhood children, they were not able to accept His claim as being the "Anointed One" whom God had sent into the world as their Messiah. They simply knew Him as Jesus of Nazareth instead of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

"Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?"  Matthew 13:55

D. The church must be established by the Spirit of Revelation that clearly teaches us the greatness and majesty of the Anointed Son of God who is also the Son of David, Son of Man.

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”  Matthew 16:18-19

1. The Church can only be built on the cornerstone of truth. Only the truth of Jesus' identity will help the church to be established - verse 18

2. The powers of hell will not be able to defeat the believer whose life is established on the identity of Christ - verse 18

3. Spiritual Authority is given to the church to both bind and loose. Binding and loosing must be firmly established upon the revelation of the Name of the Son of God - verse 19

“Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”  Romans 6:11-14

“...far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to behead over all things to the church...”  Ephesians 1:21-22

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”  1 John 5:4