

# What Does it Mean to Ask in Jesus' Name?

## Questions Christians Ask

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Many Christians read John 14:13-14 and mistakenly believe that it means the Lord will give them whatever they ask for as long as they pray for it in Jesus' name. We will endeavor to learn what the bible teaches on the subject.

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**John 14:13-14** It is important to note that verse 13 begins with a conjunction. The word "**And**" connects the words which follow to the preceding verses and must be understood in that context.

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### COMMUNICATING WITH GOD; THE DIFFICULTY, THE SOLUTION

**Job 9:32-35** Job had difficulty communicating with God. His desire was that there would be someone who could come between man and God and enable communication between the two.

**1 Tim 3:16** God was manifest in the flesh. He came to Earth and took upon Himself a body of flesh.

- This action made Job's desire to communicate with God possible for us today.

**1 Tim 2:5-6** Jesus Christ is the one mediator between God and men.

**John 14:6** The only way we can come to God the Father is through the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Heb 7:23-25** Jesus Christ is our unchangeable High Priest. He is alive forevermore and has been serving as High Priest for over 2,000 years. "**He ever liveth to make intercession for them.**" (vs. 25).

- Jesus Christ is always available to hear your needs and present them to the Father.
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### ENSURING THAT WE PRAY ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL

**Romans 8:26** The bible says when we pray, we don't know what we ought to pray for. This results in a lot of prayers being rightly ignored by God.

The Holy Spirit is also our intercessor.

- He knows what we need, He knows what is best for us, He knows our spiritual condition, and He knows the future.
- Therefore, He is able to take our feeble, faulty prayers, sort them out, and present prayers which are according to God's will to the Father.
  - Prayers that are not proper are discarded.

**James 4:3** We often ask God for things that are inappropriate. We ask for things that are not for the honor and glory of God. Our requests are often selfish.

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**Jn 17:15-20** Jesus Christ is praying for every person who has believed on Him. This is a true blessing.

- We pray for one another, but our prayers are usually weak and insufficient. Thankfully, Jesus Christ knows exactly what we need, and He takes the time to pray for us.
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## THE PROPER APPLICATION OF THE LORD'S PROMISE TO DO WHATEVER WE ASK

### John 14:6-14

**“He that hath seen me hath seen the Father”** (vs 9). Jesus is God manifest in the flesh.

**“Believe me for the very works’ sake”** (vs 11). We can trust that Jesus is God based upon the works that He did on Earth.

**“He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also”** (vs 12). Believers will do works like Jesus did. These will be works that prove to unbelievers that Jesus is God.

**“And greater works than these shall he do...”** (vs 12). How can we do greater works on Earth than Jesus did?

- When Jesus was on Earth, He was limited to one location.
- Believers can preach Jesus all around the world at one time.
  - We can't do it better than Jesus did. But the scope and magnitude of our work is further reaching.

**“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do (for what purpose?), that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”** (vs 13)

- This promise has a specific application. We cannot apply it to everything.
  - If you are trying to glorify the Father by telling lost people that Jesus is God manifest in the flesh, **“<sup>14</sup> If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”**
    - Pray and ask the Lord to help you glorify God by preaching Jesus, and your prayer will be answered.
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