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THE NAME OF JESUS

I remember a secular song from years ago by Johnny Cash that was entitled "A Boy Named Sue." It caused a stir. Parents don't always realize the consequences of a name that might brand their child as "different".

The scriptures tell us that before we were formed in the womb that God knows us (Jeremiah 1:5). Nothing comes by accident to God. He knows the very hairs on our head.

Many of us don't realize the importance of the name that was given to Jesus. Emmanuel, God with us. Wow, that had to make a stir! Yet, at the name of Jesus, one day every knee will bow, and tongue will confess that He is Lord. That name is all powerful. It can calm a storm and it can heal the sick.

We have been given the authority to use His name over any spirit that may rise up against us. What's in a name? Authority. What's in a name? Power. What we do with that name will determine victory or defeat. Have you ever considered that through the name of Jesus we can ask the Father anything and He will do it? I am not saying anything evil, but anything that is promoting the Kingdom. Now that is power!

Take the name Christ. It isn't Jesus' last name. it means Cristos in Greek but means the anointing or anointed one. We take that name on when we are born again. We are **Christ-ians**. We have the anointing on us that was on Jesus. The anointing is the Holy Spirit, that gives us the power. In Acts 1 Jesus told his disciples that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came on them, (Acts 1:8) and in Acts 2:39 it says, ***"For the promise (the Holy Ghost and power) is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off. Even as many as the Lord our God shall call."*** That means you and me!

What's in a name? Everything that we need when we use it. In Acts 3:16 it says, ***"And his name, through faith in his name, hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."***

Use the name of Jesus and change the world. That's what's in a name!