

A SERIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Name above all Names

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the <u>name</u> that is above every name, that at the <u>name</u> of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil 2:9-11 NIV



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Finding Your Foundation – Acts 4:1-22

A Persecuted Church

"The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were <u>greatly disturbed</u> because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand." Acts 4:1-4 NIV

Defending the Name

"By what power or what <u>name</u> did you do this?" Acts 4:7 NIV

Defending the Name

"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Acts 4:8-12 NIV

The Cornerstone

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What is your Cornerstone?

Jewish – Morality and hard work

Greek – Educated and sophisticated

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"When they saw the <u>courage</u> of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were <u>astonished</u> and they took note that <u>these men had</u> <u>been with Jesus</u>." Acts 4:13 NIV

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Unbelief is building your life on something other than Christ

Unbelief is an abiding hatred of the idea that you can be saved by grace.

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For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. 2 Peter 1:5-9 NIV

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"So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have." 2 Peter 1:12 NIV