

His Name is Wonderful

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Scripture [John 15:18-27](#); [Luke 10:17](#); [Acts 3:1-10](#); [Acts 4:12](#)

- Prayer
- Intro: Ace of Base
 - Ashamed to be a fan
 - Their music gave me joy
 - Should not be worry about what others think if their music brings me Joy
- God is safe in America
 - Celebrities thank God
 - Athletes thank God
- Christianity in name is safe
 - Politicians claim God - Can't get elected without claiming God.
- Jesus is safe in Church
- Jesus is offensive outside of church
 - The only time the name of Jesus isn't offensive outside of church settings is when you use it in vain.
 - Matthew 10:22 - and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.
 - Why does the Name of Jesus make people so uncomfortable
 - The name of Jesus calls people to change
 - The name of Jesus calls people to live outside of the world
 - John 15:18-27

■ **18** "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. **19** If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. **20** Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.'^[a] If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. **21** They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me. **22** If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. **23** Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. **24** If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both

me and my Father. **25** But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.' [b] **26** "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. **27** And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

- **We can't afford to not use the name of Jesus as Christians!**
- There is power in the name of Jesus
 - The name of Jesus is not a complimentary close to a prayer like sincerely.
 - Luke 10:17 - The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."
- There is healing in the name of Jesus.
 - Acts 3:1-10 - One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. **2** Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for

money. **4** Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" **5** So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. **6** Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." **7** Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. **8** He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. **9** When all the people saw him walking and praising God, **10** they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

- There is salvation in the name of Jesus
 - Acts 4:12 - Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."
- Have you been saved by the blood of Jesus?
- Will you be brave enough to share the name of Jesus?
- Will you be bold enough to pray with strangers in the powerful healing saving name of Jesus?
- Closing prayer: in the powerful, healing, saving name of Jesus.