

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
ASK ANYTHING

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. /// John 14:13-14

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. /// John 16:24

“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.” /// Matthew 18:19

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. /// John 15:7

What exactly is Jesus saying through these passages and others like them? Is He saying that we can put forth any type of request with His guarantee that we will receive it? Many think so. Let's look at what is being said about asking anything. Great news is that when Jesus spoke of “asking anything” He is telling us that we can and should bring anything and everything to Him in prayer. Nothing is “off limits”. There are some things that we feel ashamed about bringing to the Lord. There are other things we don't bring because we are not sure about how the Lord feels about them.

Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. /// Matthew 6:8

Psalm 139:1-4 (NKJV)

The Lord knows what is going on inside of you. To try to hide anything from Him is foolish! Jesus will not reject you based upon what is going on inside you. He desires you to come to Him and talk to Him about anything and everything. How are you going to know the answer if you don't ask? How are you going to learn if you don't inquire? What does it mean to “ask in Jesus' Name? To ask in Jesus' Name is not like having a credit card which you can use to purchase whatever you want and Jesus pays it off for you.

Asking in Jesus' Name means that you are assured that you will receive anything you ask for on the list of items approved by the Word and God's will.

If the Father is glorified in us through answered prayer, what type of answers will glorify Him?

Mark 10:35-40 (NKJV)

It appears that James and John caught hold of Jesus' words about asking anything and brought forth a request. Did the Lord give them exactly what they asked for? He said that their prayer would be answered within the Father's will. Our walk with God is not a quest to bend God to our will but to bend ours to God. That is why Jesus taught us to pray, "Your kingdom come; Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Jesus asked the Father to rescue Him from the cross but asked ultimately that the Father's will would be done. How does "abiding in the Lord" and "His words abiding in us" change our desires?

Psalm 37:4 (NKJV)

Our desires are changed to His.

1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

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