

Doing All in His Name with Thanksgiving

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The Name stands for the Person. As believers in Jesus Christ we are intimately identified with His Name. I am in Him (2 Cor. 5:17), and He is in me (Gal. 2:20). The very name “Christian” links me to Him. No Christian lives to himself (Rom. 14:7; 1 Cor. 6:19-20). He died for me so that I should no longer live unto myself, but unto Him who died and rose again for me (2 Cor. 5:15). I am not my own person. What I do is not done independently of my Saviour. Every word and deed reflects either favorably or unfavorably upon my Lord. I must not do anything to damage my Lord’s reputation. My words and works will either exalt His Name or disgrace His Name, and my desire is that Jesus Christ would be praised. If I watch a lurid TV program, or if I tell an off-color joke, can the Lord Jesus put His Name to that? May I never drag His Name through the mud.

“If we permit anything into our lives that cannot be associated with the name of Jesus, then we are sinning. We must do and say everything on the authority of His name and for the honor of His name” (Wiersbe).

I am His representative (2 Cor. 5:20), and I bear His Name. A witness is one **who causes others to think about God**. May my life point to Him. May others think highly of Him because of me. His Name is at stake!

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