

## CALLING UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD

I remember as a young man agreeing to sample a Pentecostal meeting because, they said, if I had never been to one how could I so confidently dismiss their claims that the early church Apostolic signs were being manifested today. The experience reinforced my views. In the meeting one man in particular was very animated, loudly, emotionally, repeating the name JESUS! Many would have thought that he was "calling upon the name of the Lord", and thereby finding favour with God. He was at best making empty sounds, but more likely he was taking the Lord's name in vain violating the 3rd commandment.

To call upon the name of the Lord is to call on the one true God revealed in Scripture and made known to his people by his Spirit. He is the One on whom "men began to call" (Gen4:26), the one whose name is I AM THAT I AM (Exodus3:14), the self-existent, eternal God.

How do I, a base sinner unable to commune with God who is supremely holy, call upon the name of the Lord? Only through his Son, the hidden God manifested to his creation (John1:18). He is the Word of God (John1:1;Rev19:13) who reveals the fulness of the godhead to sinners (Col2:9). He is the bread from heaven that we must eat; he is the light of true life who shines the glory of the hidden God into his people's hearts (2Cor4:6). He is the Good Shepherd of his sheep chosen in him and loved from before time. He is the resurrection and life in whom his people are taken from this world of death into the life of his Kingdom. He is the true vine rootstock from which his people, joined to him, abiding in him, derive all their life-giving sap. He is God who became man to pay the price of redemption from just condemnation for the people he loved from eternity - and only for them.

His name is **Jesus** for he has saved his people from their sins (Matt1:21).

The Samaritan woman knew that Messiah was coming to earth from God to reveal all that people need for eternal peace (John4:25); Jesus told her, "I that speak unto thee am he". In truth he said, "I AM THAT I AM". Do you believe that he is who he said that he is? Jesus said (John6:47) "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life". And the corollary is plain, (John8:24) "if ye believe not that I AM he, ye shall die in your sins". AJ

## DIVINE FORGIVENESS - ISAIAH 6:3

*I, even I am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Isa. 43:25*

The God of heaven forgives iniquity, transgression, and sin! It is written, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." The Lord God forgives his people's sins JUSTLY. "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." By the sacrifice of his own Son in the sinner's place, God has fully satisfied his justice in punishing sin; and now he is both just and the justifier of every believer.

God forgives our sins FREELY. He requires nothing from us, neither by way of punishment nor retribution. The sinner is not required to suffer anything, do anything, nor to give anything to obtain this forgiveness. It is the free gift of God. All of our sins, past, present, and future, sins of heart, of thought, and of deed were fully atoned for and put out of God's sight by the blood of Christ which he poured out at Calvary. And the Lord forgives us of our sins ETERNALLY. God will never impute iniquity to any believer. He will never remember our sins against us. So far as his law and justice is concerned, we have no sin. The blood of Christ washed it all away! God cannot punish us for what we do not have. Don Fortner

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**10:30 am (GMT+1h) Service**

*Exodus 3:14,15*

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## Acts 4:8-14

920 to 687

*J Kent*

1 When to worship saints assemble,  
Let the song to Jesus flow.  
He forsook his ancient glory,  
Groaned and bled for worms below.  
Ransomed mortals, [x2](#)  
Join to swell the sacred song.

2 Ye who find yourselves polluted,  
Feel your hearts a sink of sin,  
Ye shall have, by God imputed,  
Righteousness that's white and clean:  
'Tis the garment [x2](#)  
Wove by everlasting love.

3 'Tis Jehovah's own providing;  
Better, wisdom can't devise;  
From his eye for ever hiding  
Sins of every name and size;  
He that wears it [x2](#)  
Is by God exalted high.

4 Adam, when the tempter foiled him,  
His bright robes were quickly gone;  
But this righteousness of Jesus  
Once applied, 'tis always on;  
'Tis their title [x2](#)  
To the mansion love ordained.

## Prayer

### Exodus 3:7-18

## Prayer

110 to 73

*I Watts*

1 The Lord on high proclaims  
His Godhead from his throne:  
"Mercy and Justice are the names  
By which I will be known.

2 "Ye dying souls, that sit  
In darkness and distress,  
Look from the borders of the pit  
To my recovering grace."

3 Sinners shall hear the sound;  
Their thankful tongues shall own,  
"Our righteousness and strength are found  
In thee, the Lord alone."

4 In thee shall Israel trust,  
And see their guilt forgiven;  
God will pronounce the sinners just,  
And take the saints to heaven.

## Sermon

152 to 66

*J. Hart*

1 "I am," says Christ, "the Way";  
Now, if we credit him,  
All other paths must lead astray,  
How fair soe'er they seem.

2 "I am," says Christ, "the Truth";  
Then all that lacks this test,  
Proceed it from an angel's mouth,  
Is but a lie at best.

3 "I am," says Christ, "the Life";  
Let this be seen by faith,  
It follows, without further strife,  
That all besides is death.

4 If what those words aver,  
The Holy Ghost apply,  
The simplest Christian shall not err,  
Nor be deceived, nor die.