

*“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.” **Zechariah 4:6.***

The Name

Christ’s Name, as manifested in morally complete lifestyles secured upon the principles of Christ’s life, naturally dispels darkness, or “negative” energy. Until the lifestyles of Believers reflect the life of Christ and God’s Infinite Name is manifested among them the work of the church will be virtually powerless.

“If My people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land.” **Matthew 12:30.**

This is a very simple and logical formula, and is the only one that will work! Though Christ “did it all,” commitment requiring time and action are seen in true Believers as visible evidences of rebirth. A gradual refinement in speech will be seen in those who are growing in grace.

“Thou shall not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His Name in vain.” **Exodus 20:7.**

Those not following Christ’s moral principles while claiming to be righteous take the Lord’s Name in vain, as do those who use it to swear, for gain, or in a flippant manner. Respect for God is a high moral obligation, and should be evidenced by reverence. Those who know what they do and do not want forgiveness don’t receive it. An Infinite God has an *infinite number of names*, each of which expresses a particular facet of Being; the commandment forbids knowingly using **any** name for the Most High God in a deliberately wrongful way. God also has an infinite number of Faces so tolerance is demanded. Note what the following passage states regarding one of the popular names used to identify the Christian God:

“A major departure from the practice of the American Standard Version is the rendering of the Divine Name, the “Tetragrammaton”. The American Standard Version used the term “Jehovah”, the King James Version had employed this in four places, but everywhere else, except in three cases where it was employed as part of a proper name, used the English word Lord (or in certain cases GOD) printed in capitals. The present revision returns to the procedure of the King James Version, which follows the precedent of the ancient Greek and Latin translators and the long established practice in the reading of the Hebrew Scriptures in the synagogue. While it is almost, if not quite, certain that the Name was pronounced ‘Yahweh,’ this pronunciation was not indicated when the Masoretes added vowel signs to the consonantal Hebrew text. To the four consonants YHWH of the Name, which had come to be regarded as too sacred to be pronounced, they attached vowel signs indicating that in its place should be read the Hebrew word Adonai meaning ‘Lord’ (or Elohim meaning ‘God’). The ancient Greek translators substituted the word Kyrios (Lord) for the Name. The Vulgate likewise used the Latin word Dominus. The form ‘Jehovah’ is of late medieval origin; it is a combination of the consonants of the Divine Name and the vowels attached to it by the Masoretes but belonging to an entirely different word. The sound of Y is represented by J and the sound of W by V, as in Latin. For two reasons the Committee has returned to the more familiar usage of the King James Version: (1) the word “Jehovah” does not accurately represent any form of the Name ever used in Hebrew, and (2) the use of any proper name for the one and only God, as though there were other gods from whom He had to be distinguished, was discontinued in Judaism before the Christian era and is entirely inappropriate for the universal faith of the Christian Church.”
Preface to the Revised Standard Version.

In conclusion, as humans are *perishable* beings dwelling in a perishable realm any human name for the Ineffable God falls far short of the Infinities and Totalities of God; and since to name something is to have ownership, and as all Creation proceeds from God and God is owned by no one, but encompasses everything, any claim to know His Name is blasphemous. *To kill “in His Name” greatly compounds the sin.* “Thou shalt not kill.” **Romans 13:9.**

“God is love.” **1 John 4:8.**