

The Blessed Name of God

Numbers 6:22-27

As we look at the ministry of blessing others, we revisit this benediction which was originally given to the priests of Israel for blessing the people. We need to focus on the words in verse 27, “... **And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel...**” God’s name needs to be constantly remembered as the source of all authority and blessing in our life (Psalm 36:5-9).

The LORD:

- Created us
- Communicated to us with His Word
- Sent His Son to us to be our Redeemer, Savior, and ever-present Shepherd.

All that we are and all that we ever hope to be, now and through all eternity, depends on that name! We must ever keep Him before us. We must be mindful to share His name with each other and the whole world.

- We must trust the name of the LORD – Psalm 20:1-5, 7.
- We must fear the name of the LORD – Psalm 102:15 cp. Proverbs 1:7.
- We must declare the name of the LORD – Psalm 102:21
- We must glory / rejoice in the name of the LORD – Psalm 105:3.
- We must praise, bless, and give thanks to the name of the LORD – Psalm 113:1-3; 122:1-4; 135:1-3; 145:21; 148:1-5.
- We must run to the name of the LORD – Proverbs 18:10.
- We must call upon the name of the LORD – Psalm 116:4,13,17; Joel 2:32; Romans 10:13.

The name in the New Testament

In the Old Testament we clearly see that there is one God (Deuteronomy 6:4 – “*The LORD our God, The LORD is One.*”) He has many titles. There are many references to His Spirit. There are also references to Him having a Son (Psalm 2:7; Proverbs 30:4). Yet, the people of God in the Old Testament times did not comprehend the Trinity. That is a concept introduced by Jesus and developed in the New Testament. Though the word “Trinity” is not found in the Bible, the concept is declared as we see the manifold grace of God described. Words to describe the work of God in our salvation constantly point to the three distinct persons that we call God.

- We see the Trinity in the announcement of Christ's birth to Mary (Luke 1:35).
- We see the Trinity at Christ's baptism (Matthew 3:16-17).
- We see the Trinity in our baptism (Matthew 28:19).
 - We do not baptize in three names, but one. Yet, we baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- We see the Trinity in Christ's teaching (John 5:16-24; 6:37-47,60-65; 8:12-59; 10:27-38; 14:6-26; 15:20-26).
- We see the Trinity in the apostle's teaching about our salvation (Galatians 4:4-6; II Corinthians 1:21-22; Titus 3:4-6; I Peter 1:2; I John 4:9-15).

The Trinity in our salvation – as seen in Ephesians 1:3-14

- The Father made the plan and chose us – Ephesians 1:3-6.
- The Son made the purchase and died for us – Ephesians 1:7-12.
- The Spirit made the way of faith, giving us life, indwelling us, preserving us, and sealing us until Christ's return – Ephesians 1:13-14.

In light of this revelation, we will next proceed to the benediction of the Trinity, which is found in II Corinthians 13:14.