

<sup>1</sup>  
“BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF”



What  
Must the  
Preacher  
Say?

# NAME - onoma ονομα (3686)

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## Can Refer To:



◆ **Designation -**

Matthew 1:21

◆ **Reputation -**

Proverbs 22:1

◆ **Authority -**

Colossian 3:17

◆ **Person -**

Acts 4:12

# THE PREPOSITIONS “IN” OR “INTO” — 3 (EPI, EIS, EN)

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verbal formula –  
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Eis, En) Must  
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pronouncement!**

**1909 ep̄i epi *ep-ee*’**

a root; ; prep

AV-on 196, in 120, upon 159, unto 41,  
to 41, misc 339; 896

- 1) upon, on, at, by, before
- 2) of position, on, at, by, over, against
- 3) to, over, on, at, across, against



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**1722 en en en** - a primary preposition denoting (fixed) position (in place, time or state), and (by implication) instrumentality (medially or constructively), i.e. a relation of rest (intermediate between **1519** and **1537**); TDNT-2:537,233; prep - AV-in 1902, by 163, with 140, among 117, at 113, on 62, through 39, misc 265; 2801  
1) in, by, with etc.



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**1519 *eiv eis ice***

a primary preposition; TDNT-  
2:420,211; prep

AV-into 573, to 281, unto 207, for  
140, in 138, on 58, toward 29,  
against 26, misc 322; 1774

1) into, unto, to, towards, for,  
among

# The Phrase: “IN THE NAME OF”

## **THAYER, PAGE 232,**

**Acts 2:38** . . . “upon (epi) the name of Christ,” to do anything, relying upon the name, i.e. authority of anyone.

## **THAYER, PAGE 447**

**Acts 8:16, 19:5** . . . “in (eis) the name of the Lord Jesus” - To do a thing, i.e., by ones command and authority, acting on His behalf, promoting His cause.

## **THAYER, PAGE 447**

**Acts 10:48** . . . “in (en) the name of the Lord” . . . of his own free-will and authority, John 5:43; to do a thing εν τω ονοματι “of Jesus,” Acts 10:48” . . .

# The Phrase: “IN THE NAME OF”

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*In the name of Jesus Christ*  
(*en tōi onomati Iēsou Christou*). The essential name in Christian baptism as in Acts 2:38; Acts 19:5. But these passages give the authority for the act, not the formula that was employed.

*Word Pictures in the New Testament.*



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## *In the name of Jesus Christ*

The use of onoma means in the name or with the authority of one as *eis onoma prophētou* (Matthew 10:41) as a prophet, in the name of a prophet. In the Acts the full name of the Trinity does not occur in baptism as in Matthew 28:19, but this does not show that it was not used.

*Word Pictures in the New Testament*

# The Phrase: “IN THE NAME OF” <sup>9</sup>



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*In the name of Jesus Christ*

“... Luke does not give the form of words used in baptism by the Apostles, but merely states the fact that they baptized those who acknowledged Jesus as Messiah or as Lord”

*Word Pictures in the New Testament*

# THE GREAT COMMISSION

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(Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-48).

Contextual background of the Great Commission. These are different accounts of the same thing.

## **Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.** <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen.



# THE GREAT COMMISSION

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## **Mark 16:15-16 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

<sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

# THE GREAT COMMISSION

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## **Luke 24:46-48 (NKJV)**

<sup>46</sup> Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

# DOING WHAT JESUS SAID?

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Matthew 28:18-20  
(NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make  
disciples of all the  
nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the  
Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit,

- ◆ **Go** – what the apostles were told to do –
- ◆ **Make disciples** – by teaching –
- ◆ **Baptizing** – immersing in water –
- ◆ **Into the name of** – i.e. into union with the three distinct persons of the Godhead.



# BAPTIZED INTO (ΕΙΣ ΕΙΣ)?

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—*Vincent's Word Studies in the New Testament*

## In the name (εἰς τὸ ὄνομα)

“Rev., correctly, “*into* the name.” Baptizing *into* the name has a twofold meaning. 1. *Unto*, denoting *object* or *purpose*, as εἰς μετάνοιαν, *unto repentance* (Matthew 3:11); εἰς ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν, *for the remission of sins* (Acts 2:38). 2. *Into*, denoting *union* or *communion with*, as Romans 6:3, “baptized *into* Christ Jesus; *into* his death;” *i.e.*, we are brought by baptism into fellowship with his death. Baptizing into the name of the Holy Trinity implies a spiritual and mystical union with him. Εἰς, *into*, is the preposition commonly used with *baptize*. See Acts 8:16; 19:3, 5; 1 Corinthians 1:13, 15; 10:2; Galatians 3:27.”

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“In Acts 2:38, however, Peter says, “Be baptized *upon* (ἐπὶ) the name of Jesus Christ; and in Acts 10:48, he commands Cornelius and his friends to be baptized *in* (ἐν) the name of the Lord . . . The name, as in the Lord's Prayer (“Hallowed be thy name”), is the expression of the sum total of the divine Being: not his designation as God or Lord, but the formula in which all his attributes and characteristics are summed up. It is equivalent to his person . . . When one is baptized into the name of the Trinity, he professes to acknowledge and appropriate God in all that he is and in all that he does for man . . .”

# BAPTIZED INTO (EIV EIS )?

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DESIGNATION

Not

But

Into

- ✦ **Union With The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost**  
– Mat. 28:19
- ✦ **By one Spirit Into one Body** – 1 Cor. 12:13
- ✦ **The Death of Jesus** – Rom. 6:3,4



# THE GREAT COMMISSION

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To State His  
Designation??

**Luke 24:47**

To preach by His  
authority?

repentance and  
remission of sins  
should be preached  
in, (*pronouncing*)  
his name,  
(*designation*)  
among all nations,



repentance and  
remission of sins  
should be  
preached in (*by -*  
ἐπι *epi*) his name  
(*authority*) among  
all nations,

**Matthew 28:18,19**

All power is given unto me in heaven  
and in earth. [19] Go ye therefore

# NOT PARALLEL

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## The Preacher

Matthew 28:18-20  
(NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and  
make disciples of all  
the nations, baptizing  
them in the name of  
the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy  
Spirit,

## The Hearer

Acts 2:38 (NKJV)

<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to  
them, "Repent, and let  
every one of you be  
baptized in the name of  
Jesus Christ for the  
remission of sins; and  
you shall receive the gift  
of the Holy Spirit.

# NEITHER TEACHING WHAT MUST BE SAID!

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**By The Authority of**



# HERE IS THE PARALLEL

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Upon the grounds of Jesus being both Lord and Christ!

# IN THE NAME OF JESUS

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(NKJV)**

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**Luke 24:47 (NKJV)**

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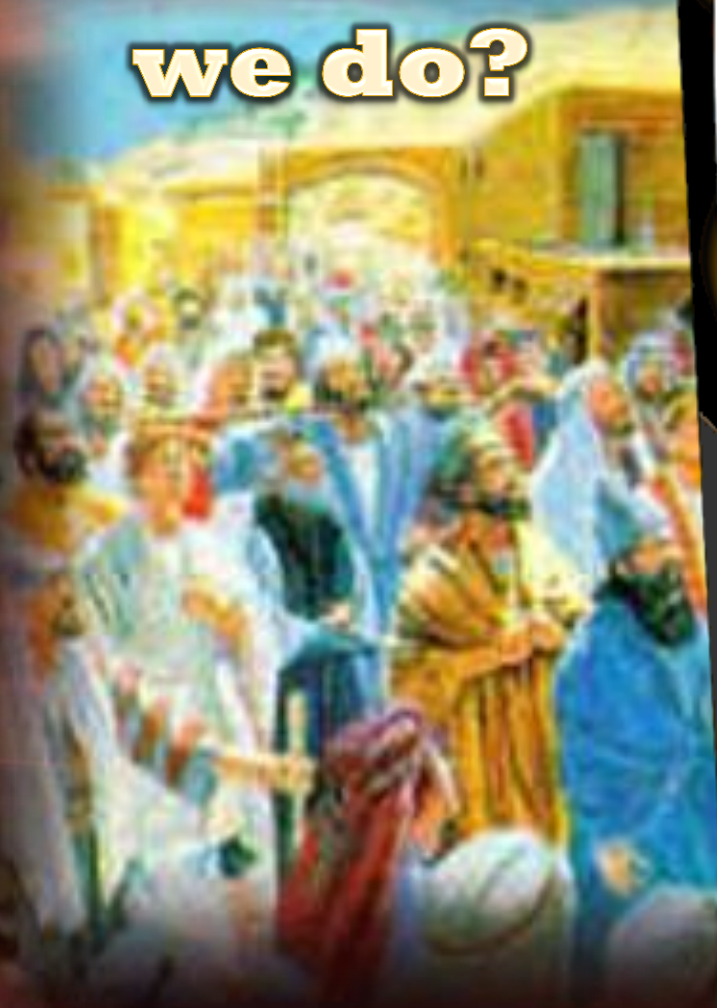
**Acts 2:38 (NKJV)**

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**Vs 37 –  
What shall  
we do?**

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# ONE MUST REPENT IN THE NAME OF JESUS

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**Repent**

**In the  
name of**

**Be baptized**

**J  
E  
S  
U  
S**

The copulative conjunction “**and**” couples two verbs. The phrase “**in the name of Jesus Christ**” modifies both verbs, sustaining equal relation to both.

# ONE MUST REPENT IN THE NAME OF JESUS

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**Repent**

**In the  
& name of**

**Be baptized**

**J  
E  
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U  
S**

Must the  
baptizer say  
“I REPENT  
YOU IN THE  
NAME OF  
JESUS?”

# WHAT WERE THEY TAUGHT?

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- ◆ **Jesus** was approved by God . . . [22]
- ◆ **Jesus** did miracles by the power of God . . . [22]
- ◆ **Jesus** was crucified according to the foreknowledge of God . . . [23]
- ◆ **Jesus** was raised from the dead by God . . . [24, 32]
- ◆ **Jesus'** soul was not left in hell nor did God allow His Holy One to see corruption . . . [27,31]
- ◆ **Jesus** was raised to sit on His throne as God had promised . . . [30]
- ◆ **Jesus** was exalted to the right hand of God . . . [33,34]
- ◆ **Jesus** received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost . . . [33]
- ◆ **Jesus**, who is Lord, was told by His Lord to sit at His right hand . . . [34]
- ◆ **Jesus** was made both Lord and Christ by God, (the Father) . . . [36]



# WHAT WERE THEY TAUGHT?

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[37] Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

[38] Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**What  
Sinners  
Were Told  
To Do!**

# WHAT THE SINNER WAS TO DO 27

## (EPI, EIS, EN)

### Acts 2:38 (NKJV)

<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them,  
"Repent, and let every one  
of you be baptized in [*epi*]  
the name of Jesus Christ for  
the remission of sins; and  
you shall receive the gift of  
the Holy Spirit.

- ✦ Baptism “in (*upon*) the name of Jesus Christ” does not rest upon His designation – but upon His person.
- ✦ To be baptized “in (*upon*) the name of Jesus Christ” – means that in baptism the sinner recognizes the sacrifice and exaltation of Christ as the ground of his salvation.

# WHAT THE SINNER WAS TO DO 28

## (EPI, EIS, EN)

**Acts 8:16 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in [*eis*] the name of the Lord Jesus.

- ✦ When the sinner was baptized he placed his confidence in the sacrifice and Lordship of the Son of God.
- ✦ INTO union and communion with the one Who died – (Rom. 6:3-6)



# WHAT THE SINNER WAS TO DO

## (EPI, EIS, EN)

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### Acts 10:48 (NKJV)

<sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in [*en*] the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

- ✦ The command had force or power due to the authority residing in Christ.
- ✦ Baptism “*In (ἐν) the name of the Lord*” means one is baptized in recognition of the commandment of the Son of God.

# NOT A UNIFORM VERBAL FORMULA BUT AUTHORIZED ACTION

**Acts 2:38 (KJV)** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**Acts 8:16 (KJV)** (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

**Acts 10:48 (KJV)** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

**Acts 19:5 (KJV)** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**What  
Shall We  
DO? (37)**

**What  
Sinners  
Were  
Told To  
Do!**

# EQUIVALENT PHRASES

Acts 2:38 (NKJV)

<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**Not a verbal formula  
but authorized action!**



# “IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS”

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*Col. 3:17 - Authorized Action*

## **“Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus”**

- ✦ “Seek those things which are above” (verse 1).
- ✦ “Set your mind on things above” (verse 2).
- ✦ “Put to death your members” (verse 5).
- ✦ “Put off all these” (verse 8).
- ✦ “Do not lie to one another” (verse 9).
- ✦ “Put on tender mercies” (verse 12).
- ✦ “Bearing with one another, and forgiving” (verse 13).
- ✦ “Put on love” (verse 14).
- ✦ “Let the peace of God rule . . . and be thankful” (verse 15).
- ✦ “Let the word of Christ dwell in you” (verse 16).

# “IN THE NAME OF” DOESN'T REQUIRE VERBAL PRONOUNCEMENT! 33

WAS  
TABITHA  
RAISED  
IN THE  
NAME OF  
JESUS?

Acts 9:36-40 (NKJV)

... 40 But Peter put them  
all out, and knelt down  
and prayed. And turning to  
the body he said, "Tabitha,  
arise." And she opened her  
eyes, and when she saw  
Peter she sat up.

# Calling On The Name Of The Lord <sup>34</sup>

## *(Not what the Preacher Says)*

**"Not everyone  
who says to Me,  
'Lord, Lord,' shall  
enter the  
kingdom of  
heaven, but he  
who does the will  
of My Father in  
heaven.**

Calling on the name of the Lord  
is invoking the Lord's blessing by  
doing what He says

**Acts 22:16 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> And now why are you  
waiting? Arise and be  
baptized, and wash away  
your sins, calling on the  
name of the Lord.'



# Calling On The Name Of The Lord <sup>35</sup>

## *(Not what the Preacher Says)*

### APPEAL

- Usage Number: 1 - Strong's Number: <G1941>
- ἐπικαλέω, epikaleō

"to call upon," has the meaning "appeal" in the Middle Voice, which carries with it the suggestion of a special interest on the part of the doer of an action in that in which he is engaged. Stephen died "calling upon the Lord," Acts 7:59. In the more strictly legal sense the word is used only of Paul's "appeal" to Caesar, Acts 25:11, 12, 21, 25; Acts 26:32; Acts 28:19.

**Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words.**

# WHO IS TO CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD?

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**Joel 2:32 (NKJV)**

<sup>32</sup> And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. . .

**Acts 2:21  
(NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> *And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.'*

**Acts 2:38 (NKJV)**

<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. –  
(cf – 1 Pet. 3:21)

**Acts 22:16**

**Romans 10:9-13**

**1 Peter 3:21**



# “BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF”<sup>37</sup>

Have You Been  
Baptized In The  
Name of The Lord  
Jesus Christ?



- ◆ By His authority?
- ◆ Into a relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- ◆ Upon the grounds of what Jesus has done for us?





# “BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF”<sup>39</sup>

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