

The Mystery of 'In'

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Why might the word, 'in' be an important word? Simply, the word means to be surrounded. For example, I was *in* the car, *in* the store, *in* the women's Red Hat Club; etc. No big thing to be *in* something, right? How about being involved in the *in* thing of popularity, fame, clothing, and/or other fads, and being in the *in* crowd is important to some people. With reference to all of the aforementioned, the spiritual aspect of being *in* is where we are going for a few minutes and is the focus of this short teaching.

As we Christians do, we begin or end prayers saying, "In Jesus' Name." In fact we use Jesus Name as He had said in Mark 16:17 "In my Name . . ." Why use Jesus' Name? Because there is power in it and as the Word states in Philippians 2:10--11, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11. ¹¹ And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." All knees bow at the name of Jesus, but as powerful is His Name there is an aspect the Lord showed me which upended my thoughts and approach to the use of Jesus' Name through revelation. What is a revelation?

According to Merriam-Webster dictionary, a revelation is an act of revealing or communicating divine truth; something that is revealed by God to humans; an act of revealing to view or making known; something that is revealed, especially an enlightening or astonishing disclosure; a pleasant often enlightening surprise. The revelation I received showed me something I had never thought nor considered. The revelation involved what saying, "In Jesus' Name . . ." inferred.

When saying, "In Jesus' Name," I was stating *exactly* where I was located! I was declaring myself to *be* in Jesus' Name! *Be in* Jesus' Name? When I would bind or loose in Jesus' Name I was saying, without knowing so, I am in Jesus! Jesus and I are one! Jesus compelled me and you, the reader, to use His Wonderful Name acting upon His authority because as the earlier scripture was stated, 'At the name of Jesus every knee should bow. Think of the position we have as being *IN* Jesus, in His spirit and He gave us the authority to use His Name.

Consider another aspect of being *in*. Ephesians 6:10 says, "Finally, my brethren, *be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*" To *be* means to exist. If we were told to be quiet we would have been told to exist quietly. In this scripture we are encouraged to knowingly exist in strength surrounded by the Lord and to live in the power of his, Lord's, might, His strength! We are not strong if we are not in the Lord. Joel 3:10 states, "Let the weak say, 'I [am] mighty.'" (YLT) The weak are those who recognize their own limitation and rely upon God and His strength; so, we are strong *in* the Lord not outside on our own strength even if we have become buffed through muscle building. We exist strongly in the Lord and in the power of HIS might.

Now, take a look at a different aspect of being *in*. We are strong, mighty, in the Lord. How are we strong in the Lord? The answer is the found in the following scripture written in Ephesians

3:16, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be **strengthened with might** by his Spirit in the inner man (KJV). What? What is being said here is we are strong in the Lord by His Spirit, the Holy Spirit. Why? Because we, whether we know it or not, are actually one with God! This is the mystery of *in*. The very presence of God is *in* us and we *in* Him!

Lastly, we address this union we have with God. We are *in* God and He is *in* us. This is a mystical union known as *Unio Mystica*, the spirit of oneness. Paul, in his letter to the church of Colossi stated in Colossians 1:27, “To whom God would make known what is the riches of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

The mystery of *in* and knowing and understanding of where we are in Christ and existing in His kingdom and who we are in Christ, the righteousness of God in Christ, is deeply encouraging and strengthens our desire and resolve to live for God *in* the Name of Jesus! Amen.