

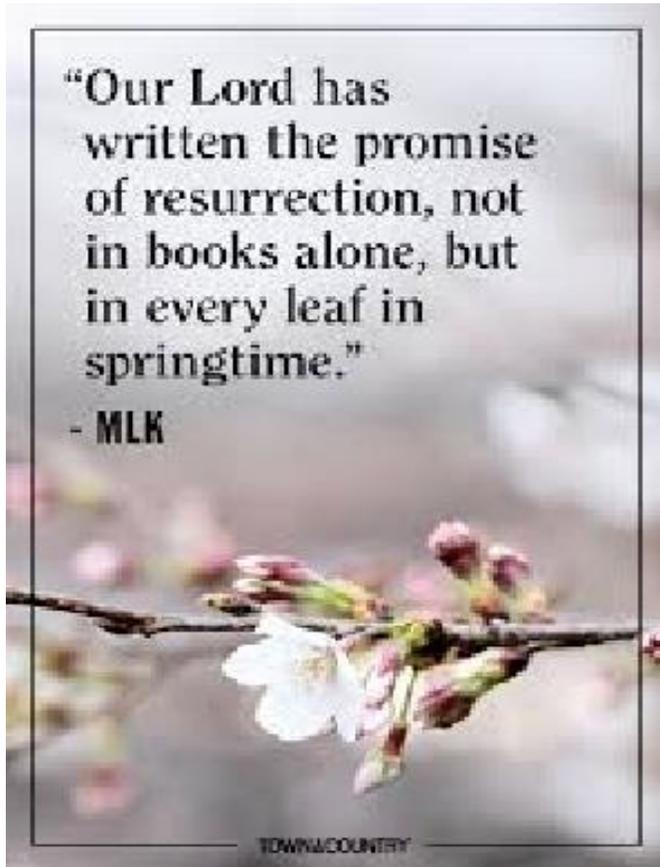


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Sermon Posted for Today – May 3rd

"The Vine and the Branches"

Scripture is John 15:1-8 [\(Click Here\)](#)

Sermons on Audio

The Sunday Morning CHURCH SERMONS for the past year are posted to the Fennell Avenue Church website- [click here](#)

<http://churchofchristfennellave.homesitead.com/Sermons.html>



Viewing a series of videos with John Clayton discussing scientific evidence that [God Does Exist](#)

Birthdays

Wendy B.....May 13

Magdalena M.....May 27

Prayer List:

- Julie Van Alstine's mother is in the hospital and her procedure went well. – Good News – Please keep her in your prayers
- The Covid-19 situation worldwide, and that it can be contained
- Pray for the strength and growth of our Church
- Prayers for the children attending City Kidz
- Isabel T, remember in your prayers
- Sue Jones is asking for prayers for her niece's father Andrew Heron and his wife Mae and their family. Andrew begins chemo for stage-four cancer on Wednesday. Mae is in a longterm care home for Alzheimer's. Because of Covid-19 - No one can visit. Their daughter is Bev Boden, Brian and Mary's daughter in law. Please pray for this family.

Contributions:

If you wish to continue with your contributions to Fennell Avenue Church of Christ, you can mail in your contribution to the Church address. [Do not mail cash](#)
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Tintern Church of Christ

Attached is the link to the sermon from Noel Walker at Tintern Church of Christ from April 26, 2020 ([Click Here](#))



Below is the link for the worship of **May 3rd**, from the Strathmore Blvd Church of Christ . The Link can also be found on the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ Facebook Page ([Click Here](#))

If you still would like to donate to the *Neighbour to Neighbour Food Bank*, you can bring your donations to our house and we will take it in. Just let us know when you are coming and you can leave your donation on our porch.

Chris & Dianne Gardner



Beatitudes – Bible Story

Ask In My Name

Randy Morrill

Several passages of scripture make the promise that if we ask “in my/Jesus’ name” we will receive what we request. (Jn. 14:13, 14; 15:7,16; 16:23-26; 1 Jn. 5:14, 15) Other passages state if we ask believing, i.e., in faith, we can expect a positive response. ([Matthew 21:22](#); [Mark 11:24](#)). **What is praying “in Jesus’ name?”**

Some people seem to be of the opinion that every request we make of God needs to include the expression “in Jesus name.” However, if this is what we understand Jesus to be saying, we are reducing the sentiment to some kind of magic formula that will guarantee a positive result to our desires and requests.

The term “name” in scripture involves much more than a tag that identifies a person and distinguishes him or her from other people. Although it does do that, it also has a much deeper meaning. In the Bible, one’s name represents the very essence of the person. One’s personality, character, reputation and authority are all wrapped up in his or her name; i.e. it stands for the entire person. We should cherish a good name because it refers to virtue and integrity. Next to one’s soul, one’s name is his or her most important possession; and should be nurtured and respected as such. (Prov. 22:1; Eccl. 7:1)

God's/Jesus' name is a declaration of the greatness of His person. (Ps. 8:1; 103:1; 113:1-3; 148:13) Because God's name is excellent, we are to exalt it in our prayer and in our praise. (Matt. 6:9; Rom. 14:11; Phil. 2:9-11)

Secondly, when you come in someone's name, you come in his or her stead as an ambassador. The person to whom you come is expected to react to you, not on the basis of who you are, but as if the person who sent you was there. They are to treat you as they would treat the one who authorized you to come. (cf. 1 Sam. 25:9) "In the name of Jesus" it means that when we come to the Father, we come because Jesus sent/invites us. (Heb. 14:6) It is not simply our own idea to speak to the God of heaven and earth. God treats us as He would His own Son because we come in His stead. We represent the Son when we come to the Father. We are adopted into the family of God as children. We are accepted in the beloved. Since Christ is the beloved Son, God accepts us as He would His own Son. (Eph. 1:5, 6) We are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. We share in the same inheritance. The Father looks upon the redeemed as if He were looking on His Son, Jesus Christ. (Rom. 8:17)

A third consideration is that "in Jesus' Name," designates authority. (Jn. 14:13, 14; Acts 4:7, 10) It is a designation of authority because Jesus has the authority to go to God the Father; and we who are "in Christ" (Gal. 3:26, 27; cf. Rom. 6:3-5) also have been given that same authority. We ask the Father to act upon our prayers because we come in the name of His

Son in the same way that the police are authorized to enforce laws by the authority behind them. That is why people will often end their prayers by saying "in Jesus' Name, Amen." What they are intending to do is address God the Father through Jesus by depending completely on His work and perfection since He is God in flesh. ([John 1:1, 14](#), [Colossians 2:9](#)). It should be obvious that "in Jesus' Name" is a phrase that designates authority; and when we pray in His Name, we are praying in His authority because we have trusted completely what Christ has done on the cross to forgive us of our sins.

Furthermore, praying in Jesus' name means the same thing as praying according to the will of God, for things that will honor and glorify Jesus. ([1 John 5:14-15](#)). If what we ask for or say in prayer is not for God's glory and according to His will, saying "in Jesus' name" is meaningless. Genuinely praying in Jesus' name and for His glory is what is important, not attaching certain words to the end of a prayer. It is not the words in the prayer that matter, but the purpose behind the prayer. (cf. Rom. 8:26, 27) Praying for things that agreement with God's will is the essence of praying in Jesus' name.

Coming to the Father in the Son's name means that we come to God with the knowledge that our only right in approaching Him is that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and that He Himself has sent us to the Father. It means that we know we are totally unworthy of receiving anything from God and that the only reason God should grant our requests is that we come in Jesus' name. It is not a magic formula, but a heart attitude.

"In Jesus' name" means nothing without the heart attitude "I am nothing." Therefore, who we are makes no difference. However, when we come in the name of Jesus—that is authority and that is power! This is not a secret mystery or magical way to get our way with God. This is simply a reminder that the right we have to approach God is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. (cf. Jn. 14:6) The authority we have to ask requests from God is in the favour of the risen Christ.

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Ruth Zimmerman

Lae, Papua New Guinea.

Excerpts from her newsletter of March 21, 2020

Greetings once again from Lae. Reading back through the last report, it seems incredible that it has been only five weeks since I sent it! With the rapid change that has occurred all over the world in such a short time, it truly feels more like five months rather than five weeks. I was amazed to realize how much not only day-to-day life has changed but also our whole outlook and understanding. I pray that you are well and coping with the current situation. You are in my prayers each day, and you are not alone, despite however much it may feel that way. God loves you and is with you.



Velma's orchid in bloom once again.

Ruth Zimmerman cont'd

As I suspected in the last report, Papua New Guinea entered into a nationwide lock-down on March 24th, including internal borders. Those borders have since reopened with restricted movement between provinces, but external borders remain closed. Since the initial Covid-19 case diagnosed here in Lae, there have been seven more cases diagnosed, scattered throughout the country. On April 6th, a healthcare worker in Rabaul (on New Britain Island) was diagnosed without having travelled or come into contact with a known case. On April 21st, five more cases were announced and another the following day, bringing the total to eight. Of these, one was a worker with National Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection Agency in Port Moresby, one was a co-worker of the health worker in Rabaul, three were from Western Province and had been illegally crossing the boarder into West Papua (Indonesia) despite strong warnings, and the last was a health worker from Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province. It is highly troubling that these cases are so widely spread and half are without known origin. Covid-19 is definitely here but with low testing rates, it is hard to know just how widespread it is.....

Another adjustment has been '*haus lotu*' (Sunday morning worship in the house). The P.N.G. government has put a restriction to no more than six people meeting together for worship, and we have been meeting as such since March 29th. The police have been around handing out warning letters to anyone disobeying that. Before school ended so abruptly, I had challenged my ladies' class to read through the first seventeen books of the Old Testament (Genesis-Esther), and with the start of lock-down, we also started reading a section every day. Sunday morning consists of a continuation of that

reading, prayer time, singing (accompanied by my elderly cat, Taffy, who is really enjoying herself), collection, and communion. While we are enjoying the peacefulness of it, we are missing the time of fellowship.

Since the start of lockdown, my literacy class has been suspended indefinitely. I still hope to resume at some point this year, but feel that it just isn't safe to do so for the time being, despite the fact that primary and high schools are resuming next week! (What is the P.N.G. government thinking!?!). With the lockdown, I dove headfirst into book processing at the M.B.C. Library and have started to make a dent in the long line of boxes waiting! We have now added more than eight hundred new books to the original collection. I spent three days last week shifting and shelving the books finished in the past few months, and am currently updating the computer records at the house before continuing at the library.

[May God comfort and keep you safe. If you need someone to write to, please feel free. I've been having some issues with my gmail account, so if you don't hear back from me within a few days, please resend your email.](#)

With love in Him,

Ruth

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