

“CALLING on the NAME OF THE LORD”

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Joel prophesied of a time when whosoever called on the name of the Lord would be delivered (Joel 2:28-32). On the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection, Peter described the circumstances then as a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy (Acts 2:16-21). Joel's prophecy said, *“it shall come to pass.”* In Peter's time, it came to pass when Peter preached the gospel sermon and 3000 souls obeyed the gospel, *“calling on the name of the Lord”*.

Let us examine what it means to call on the name of the Lord. One who just says, “Lord, Lord,” and does not do what the Lord commands are not “calling on the name of the Lord.” Some may think they have done many mighty works in the Lord's name, but not doing ALL He commands in obeying His Will is not “calling on the name of the Lord” (Matthew 7:21-23). Only those who comply with the Lord's conditions of obedience can reap the benefits of calling on His name.

To call on the name of the Lord one must do the following:

- 1) Hear the Word of God (Romans 10:14);
- 2) Believe what he hears (Romans 10:14); Repent of his sins (Mark 1:15; Acts 2:38);
- 3) Confess Christ to be God's Son (Romans 10:9);
- 4) Be immersed in water in baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21) and
- 5) Live faithful live, a faithful life until death (Revelation 2:10).

“Calling on the name of the Lord” means more than words—it means full obedience to His Commands. Let us always teach people God's way to “call on the name of the Lord”. We pray we can teach many how to do so. With your Bible and this outline and a willing heart can meet the needs of teaching of precious soul(s), and thus the results to the Glory of God!