

More Than a Name

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Scripture: Matthew 7:21, John 3:3, John 14:13-14, Romans 12:2, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 2:5, Colossians 3:10, 2 Peter 1:4, 1 John 3:2

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes that true worship goes beyond merely invoking the name of Jesus; it requires a transformation of nature that aligns with His will. He critiques the notion that there is a magical formula in saying Jesus' name, asserting that genuine worship stems from a new birth and a deep relationship with God. Tozer highlights that understanding the nature of Jesus is essential for receiving His promises and living a life reflective of His character. He references 2 Peter 1:4 to illustrate that believers are called to partake in the divine nature, escaping worldly corruption. Ultimately, Tozer calls for a deeper understanding and embodiment of Jesus' nature in our lives.

Transcript

There have always been professing Christians who argue and insist: "I am all right-I worship in the name of Jesus." They seem to believe that worship of God is based on a formula. They seem to think there is a kind of magic in saying the name of Jesus! Study the Bible carefully with the help of the Holy Spirit and you will find that the name and the nature of Jesus are one. It is not enough to know how to spell Jesus' name! If we have come to be like Him in nature, if we have come to the place of being able to ask in accordance with His will, He will give us the good things we desire and need.

We worship God as the result of a new birth from above in which God has been pleased to give us more than a name.

He has given us a nature transformed, and Peter expresses that truth in this way: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.(2 Peter 1:4)

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