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Title of Message: "All in the name of the Lord Jesus"

Text: Colossians 3:17

Introduction

1. Welcome & Greetings

2. The Bible teaches us that we should give thanks to God the Father all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, but it is not easy for us to do so. Usually we give thanks to God when something good happens or some benefits come our way, but the Scripture tells us that **we should give thanks to God in word and deed all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

3:17 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.

3. When we read the original text, we find the word "all" two times. In the English translation we find the words "whatever" and "all", but unfortunately we don't find these two words in the Japanese translation.

-Here we can learn; 1) whatever we do, whether in word or deed, and
2) all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

-The key phrase of this verse is that we should give thanks to God in every situation. How great it is for us to do so. Maybe some people will ask why it is important for us to have this almost impossible attitude as believers, but I want to tell you the secret of this verse.

The reason we should give thanks to God all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is so that we may experience His blessings in our lives. ⇒ **We need "faith" to God.**

-We would like to consider the next three points about why we give thanks to Him in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Main Subjects

1. **Because the name of the Lord Jesus is the name of His Son.**

We usually use it in the end of the prayer, but have you ever considered why we pray in His name? Well, one day, Jesus said to His people in **John 14:14, "You may ask Me for anything in My name and I will do it."**

-Using some one's name means that we use his authority instead of him. In the New Testament we can find the word of His name 30 times and all of them reveal His presence. Isn't it wonderful to know that He is at present when we use His name? Jesus also said **in Matthew 18:20 that where two or three come together in my name, there am I with you.** Yes, Jesus is with us in His Spirit when we pray in His name. This is our Lord Jesus Christ.

-If He is truly with us, then I believe that our thanks in Him will come up in our expressions. I want to encourage you that whatever you give thanks to God whether word or deed, because He is with you. You know, we don't need to scare when the almighty Lord **is with us.** That is why the Scripture is telling us that **whatever we give thanks to God in word or deed.**

2. Because the name of the Lord Jesus is a name of Messiah.

-In the Scriptures three different titles for Jesus are written:

- 1) the Son of God, which means a relationship between heavenly Father and Him.
- 2) the Son of David, which means a relationship between the history of Israel and Him.

The Old Testament has been prophesizing Messiah in the history of Israel.

- 3) the Son of Man, which means a relationship between all of human beings and Him.

Yes, Jesus is a savior for all of people and nations in the world.

- You know, Satan know His name and sometimes used His name in order to perform miracles in Jesus time. Jesus Christ was crucified on the tree which was the biggest punishment according to the law at that time and he was killed, but He has risen three days later from the dead. He is the Lord of redemption for all of people and nations in this world. He triumphed over everything. The Satan know it exactly.
- Are you aware that His name has such a great authority and power? And have you ever experience His name in your life? If yes, that's fine. But If not, I encourage you to give thanks to God all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Because the name of the Lord Jesus is a source of God's blessings.

-The Bible tells us in **John 1: 10 that he was in the world, and through the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him.** Yes, the world was made through Him and He reigns over everything, therefore we should give thanks to God all in word or deed. The word of all has no exception, it includes everything. So I encourage you to start giving thanks to God all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Conclusion

Are you aware that your thought and word will change your life?

-We considered about the name of Jesus. The Scripture tells us in Colossians 3:17 that we should give thank to God the Father all in word or deed. We learned the reason why we do so is that we may receive His blessings upon our lives and that the name of Jesus has next three meanings:

- 1) it is a name of His Son
- 2) it is a name of Messiah
- 3) it is a source of His blessings

- We say thank God, for He allows us to pray and ask Him, whatever in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.