

Ask ME Anything

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John 14:14 (ESV)

IF YOU ASK ME ANYTHING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT!

The truth of being a Christian, the truth of believing in Jesus.

Please take note, Jesus is saying this to us. Question: Do we believe that Jesus paid the penalty for our sins and that we are forgiven and have a home in heaven? If so, we are under obligation to believe what Jesus is saying here. As always, we look at the context, but the context makes this verse even more stunning and challenging.

John 14:12 (ESV)

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever “BELIEVES IN ME” will also do the works that I do; and “GREATER” works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

Note Jesus says “whoever” believes in ME. That means us.

Ponder this! Note also that Jesus starts off by saying Truly, Truly, I say to you. Literally this word means “it shall be so” or AMEN. When we see AMEN used in the NT, this is the original word used. Jesus is saying whoever believes in ME, “This shall be so and again this shall be so!” Thus, whoever “BELIEVES IN ME” will also do the works that I do; and “GREATER” works than these will he do. This not foolish name it and claim it – this is not speaking something into being (that is witchcraft).

This is listening, hearing, and embracing Jesus. For this, we should have the same attitude Jesus had.

John 5:30 (ESV)

I can do nothing on MY OWN. As I hear, I judge, and MY judgment is just, because I seek not MY OWN will but the will of HIM who sent ME.

Keep it simple. Matthew 22:37 says we should love Jesus and one another with all our heart. When we love Jesus and one another this much, HE will do whatever we ask so that HE will be glorified in this world.

John 14:13 (ESV)

Whatever you ask in MY NAME, THIS I WILL DO, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Whatever you ask, this I will do! JESUS IS SAYING, “PLEASE ASK ME SOMETHING SO THAT I MAY ANSWER YOU AND GLORIFY THE FATHER.” This is why Jesus proclaims this incredible truth to us.

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Now I want to jump ahead to chapter 15 verses 7 and 8 because it says the very same thing.

John 15:7–8 (ESV)

⁷ If you “abide” in ME, and MY WORDS “abide” in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this MY Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be MY disciples.

Jesus adds a very interesting word, Abide. Abide means we are living in the same realm as Jesus excited about HIS words and having a conscious acceptance of HIS authority. This is loving Jesus with all our heart. Because we like spending time with Jesus, whatever we ask will be done for us. But also, we see that HE gives us whatever we ask because the Father is glorified when we bear much fruit. Not only is the Father glorified when we bear much fruit, but it also “proves” we are Jesus’ disciples. Jesus wants to answer us to “prove” we are HIS disciples. Back to this word Abide. Abide means we are at one with Christ. We know that this is a continual growth process. Like with our own children timing and experience are important. If our 12-year-old wants to drive the car, we recognize that they need to grow and gain some experience before we happily turn them loose with a car. Likewise, while we are going through our growth process, Jesus is actually using this time to train us to be able to achieve our goals.

Isaiah 48:10 (ESV)

Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;
I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.

Waiting allows Jesus to do a great work in us. Now I want to jump ahead to verse 16 because again it says the same thing.

John 15:16 (ESV)

You did not choose ME, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and BEAR FRUIT and that your fruit should abide, so that WHATEVER YOU ASK the Father in MY NAME, HE may give it to you.

Jesus wants us to bear fruit! Therefore, Jesus wants to give us whatever we ask. The proof of discipleship is fruit bearing. This statement coincides with Jesus' teaching in the synoptic Gospels:

Matthew 7:20 (ESV)

You will recognize them by their fruits.

Jesus is excited when we ask HIM anything and deeply desires to answer us. HE appointed us to bear fruit. Not only does HE hear us, HE immediately begins moving heaven and earth to provide the answer to what we ask.

Daniel 9:23 (NIV)

As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed.

Three times the same promise, 1) Ask me anything and I will do it. 2) Whatever you ask, it will be done for you. 3) Whatever you ask, HE will give it to you.

Therefore, the Apostle understanding this says:

Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

There is only one way to forgiveness and the promises of God!

John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through ME."