

How God Places His Name Upon His People.

June 16, 2019 – Numbers 6:22-27

“The Lord said to Moses, tell Aaron and his sons, This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: – The Lord bless you and keep you; (God the Father / Creator / Preserver.) – The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; (Saved by Jesus Christ through Grace Alone) – The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. (The Holy Spirit creates Peace giving faith in our heart.) So they will put My Name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

In this section of Numbers, we have the Aaronic blessing.

The Words are spoken by God’s representatives, the High Priests, but they carry God’s authority and power.

Vs. 27 – So they will put My Name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

These words that God gave to Moses and the High Priestly family line of Aaron are what we have the privilege of hearing after each and every worship Service.

When you hear these Words they are not merely empty words or just symbolic words, but these are God’s Words where we are told ***“They will put MY name on the Israelites and I will bless them.”*** Says The Lord!

Let us look more closely at these Words of our Lord in this Aaronic Blessing.

In these verses from Numbers, we see a Triumvirate (an association or group of three) or Triplett (Set of Three of One Kind). Three statements in which we see the work of the Triune God.

Vs. 24 – The Lord bless you and keep you; (God the Father / Creator / Preserver.)

God the Father Who is our Creator, Who protects and preserves us day after day, He keeps us.

Vs. 25 – The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; (Saved by Jesus Christ through Grace Alone)

God the Son Who has graciously died on the Cross for our sin and thus we have the Forgiveness of sins and life everlasting.

Vs. 26 – The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. (The Holy Spirit creates Peace giving faith in our heart.)

God the Holy Spirit Who has brought peace to our heart when He created faith in our heart in the Lord Jesus. (Through Word and Sacrament) Thus we have peace knowing that we are forgiven and will live forever in heaven with The Triune God.

When Aaron spoke these words upon the people, generally at the end of a worship service, the blessing of the Lord was upon the people. Not just a wish, but God's favor was bestowed upon the people.

God’s Name was placed upon the people. Not because Aaron said so, but because God Said so through His Prophet Moses and Priest Aaron.

Vs. 27 – So they will put My Name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

When we leave a worship service, we leave with God's favor, His Blessing. What a way to start the week!

AMEN