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“For where two or three are gathered together
In (and unto) My Name,
There am I in the midst of them.”

Matthew 18:20

These inspired words of the Lord Jesus Christ are the “Magna *Carta” of the Church in local testimony.

While it is true that every two or three Christians meeting together in any place form a group gathering; every two or three may not be gathered in or unto His Name alone.

The question should be faced, and asked in connection with every group that gathers together, “Why are you gathered? By what authority are you gathered? What caused you to be gathered?” And; “Is there a purpose in you gathering together?”

(In the business world, the question of reason and objective for every business meeting, is answered by means of a clearly defined agenda.)

The Christian church, Christ’s body, has God’s Word alone for agenda and direction in all things.

* Magna Carta (Also Magna Charta) noun – Latin. This is the charter of English personal and political liberty, obtained from England’s King John in AD 1215. This has become the yardstick for all similar documents in establishing rights.

IN THE NAME

All government laws and statutes in any nation or kingdom are only effective when signed by that country's ruling authority or government. All citizens within and visitors to that locality or realm are responsible to then obey every law of that land. Rebellion is dealt with in the name of the monarch or president. The name of that monarch, president, or party is known to have highest and total authority. All who submit to every order and law issued in that name, are acknowledging the highest authority in that place.

God has raised His Son from among the dead, and this risen Man, glorified at God's right hand, has been given the highest authority in the universe. Christians now gather in and unto that Name today. He is Lord to the individual Christian, and Head of the church, and of all believers.

IN MY NAME

The two or three in Matthew's gospel 18:20 are gathered together **in** or **unto** His Name, that is, "My Name." This gathering together in "My Name" is of far more importance than is generally apprehended today.

NAME ABOVE ALL OTHERS

The rejected, despised Name of Jesus is to the believer now known and honoured to be the highest Name above **all others**. He is now known and acknowledged by Christians everywhere to

be Lord of all. When resurrected, the man Jesus as Lord of all could say, "*All authority is given Me in heaven and in earth!*" Matthew 28:18 R.V."

What momentous and majestic words these are and how solemn and testing this is. It is of first importance that we do not follow natural inclination and live and walk in any old way that seems right in our own eyes. He is our Lord and we should seek direction from Him in His Word for all things.

The risen, glorified Christ is Head of all authority and He is the One Who has sole authority to issue orders, directions, callings and influence decisions for His saints upon the earth.

All authority is now vested in that One, the exalted Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, no mere man on earth, however important in person or position, has any right or authority to legislate in the decisions of Christians. He is our Lord, Director and first point of reference in all things. He is, "*...Christ ...Who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.*" Romans 9:5

GATHERED IN HIS NAME

Everything that is required of a Christian on every subject and for every circumstance, is revealed in the written revelation, the Bible, the Word of God. All who pay attention to these divine principles and who humbly put His Word into practice, can be said to have been gathered together **in**, or **unto** His Name, **having now His authority for their assembling together.**

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