What’s in a Name?

Phil. 2:9-11

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*9Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, 10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. [PHL 2:9-11 NKJV]*

EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US IN HERE HAS BEEN GIVEN A NAME. MOST OF US HAVE A FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST NAME. OUR PARENTS GAVE US THE NAME WE HAVE FOR A REASON. WE MAY HAVE A NAME OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR LOVED ONE THAT PASSED. WE MAY BE NAMED AFTER OUR PARENT OR GRANDPARENT. WE MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE NAME OF SOMEONE FAMOUS DURING THE TIME WE WERE BORN.

SOME OF US HAVE BEEN GIVEN A NICKNAME THAT ONLY OUR FAMILY KNOWS US BY. SOME OF US HAVE BEEN GIVEN EMBARRASSING NICKNAMES AS A CHILD, THAT WE GOT STUCK WITH….AND ARE STILL CALLED BY THAT NAME TODAY. WE MAY NOT EVEN KNOW HOW WE GOT THE NICKNAME. SOMEBODY JUST STARTED CALLING US THAT NAME AND WE GOT STUCK WITH IT. WE MAY EVEN HAVE A PET NAME THAT WE CALL OUR SPOUSE like, HONEY BOO, BABY LOVE, SWEETIE, LOVE OR HONEY BUNS.

WHATEVER YOUR BIRTH NAME OR NICKNAME MAY BE, THERE IS A REASON WHY YOU’VE BEEN GIVEN YOUR NAME. NAMES ARE POWERFUL OBJECTS AND OUR NAMES ARE SIGNIFICANT TO US. OUR NAME IS OUR IDENTITY

* IT IS HOW WE INTRODUCE OURSELVES.
* IT IS HOW WE CHANGE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SOMEONE. AT ONE POINT WE ARE STRANGERS, AND AFTER WE EXCHANGE NAMES, WE ARE AN ACQUAINTANCE, A FRIEND, A COMPANION.
* SOMETIMES WE CAN USE OUR NAME TO GET US OUT OF TROUBLE
* WE CAN USE OUR NAME TO HELP GET US INTO AN EVENT WE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN INVITED TO
* WE CAN USE OUR NAME WHEN WE ARE KNOWN IN THE COMMUNITY
* WE CAN USE OUR NAME OR SOMEONE ELSE’S NAME TO GAIN FAVOR…
* GET HELP FROM SOMEONE OR EVEN GET A JOB.

OUR NAME IS WHAT WE ANSWER TO. WHEN SOMEONE CALLS OUT OUR NAME, WE RESPOND. SOME OF US MAY HAVE BEEN CALLED NAMES, AND VERBALLY ABUSED. SOME OF US MAY STILL FEEL THE PAIN OF THE NEGATIVE NAMES YOU WERE CALLED. IN THE WORDS OF TYLER PERRY,” IT’S NOT WHAT YOU ARE CALLED, IT’S WHAT YOU ANSWER TO”. THEY MAY HAVE CALLED YOU EVERYTHING IN THE BOOK BUT IF YOU ANSWER & BEAR THE NAME OF JESUS TODAY, KNOW THIS MORNING THAT YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD.

SO, WHAT’S IN THAT NAME?

* THERE IS MEANING IN THAT NAME
* THERE IS SIGNIFICANCE IN THAT NAME
* THERE IS POWER IN THAT NAME
* THERE IS NO OTHER NAME THAT CAN COMPARE
* THERE IS NO OTHER NAME THAT IS GREATER. A NAME THAT WAS GIVEN BY GOD AND WHO IS GOD!

NOW GOD UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF A NAME, GAVE HIM A NAME TO REFLECT HIS PURPOSE WHILE ON EARTH AND AFTER HIS RESURRECTION THAT WE MAY ALL BE SAVED.

* ***ACTS 4:12 SAYS,”AND THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE, FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED."***

JESUS MEANS DELIVERER. HE IS OUR SALVATION! HE IS OUR DELIVERANCE! GOD HAS GIVEN HIM THE NAME, JESUS, AND IT IS IN HIM THAT WE HAVE REDEMPTION, VICTORY AND HOPE. FOR THAT REASON, WE ARE TO WORSHIP HIM AND PROFESS HIS AUTHORITY IN OUR LIVES.

* **IT’S IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THAT WE FIND FREEDOM FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN AND WILL NOT TASTE THE STING OF DEATH**
* **IT’S IN THE NAME OF JESUS THAT WE ARE RELEASED FROM ALL OPPRESSION OF THE ENEMY AND WE FIND PEACE.**
* **IT’S IN THE NAME OF JESUS THAT WE RECEIVE HEALING FROM OUR SICKNESS AND SAFETY IN OUR STORMS.**

YOU NEED TO GET THIS TODAY...EVERYTHING YOU NEED IS ALL IN HIS NAME!

NOW, IN ORDER FOR YOU TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THE AWESOME POWER IN HIS NAME. THEREFORE, THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NAME OF JESUS….

I BELIEVE THAT FOR ONE THAT WE MUST UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS THAT HIS NAME IS ABOVE ALL NAMES. OUR SCRIPTURE SAYS THAT GOD “HIGHLY” EXALTED HIM AND GAVE HIM A NAME THAT IS ABOVE ALL NAMES.

* NOW THERE IS SOMETHING HERE WE NEED TO HIT THE PAUSE BUTTON AND REFLECT ON. IT SAYS THAT GOD “HIGHLY” EXALTED HIM. IT IS TRANSLATED FROM THE GREEK VERB MEANING...
  + TO EXALT TO THE HIGHEST RANK AND POWER
  + TO RAISE TO SUPREME MAJESTY
  + EXALTED BEYOND MEASURE

NOW WE UNDERSTAND THAT JESUS IS ABOVE ALL THINGS, BUT TO GET A BETTER GRASP ON JUST HOW SIGNIFICANT THIS IS WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE USE OF THIS GREEK VERB. YOU SEE THIS IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE THE USE OF THIS GREEK VERB IS ONLY FOUND THIS ONE TIME, IN THIS ONE VERSE, IN THE ENTRE BIBLE.

IN OTHER WORDS, HE IS EXALTED WITH ALL EXALTATION AND THERE IS NO OTHER NOUN, WHICH IS A PERSON, PLACE OR THING, FOUND IN THE BIBLE THAT DESERVES TO HAVE THIS VERB “HIGHLY EXALTED” ASSOCIATED WITH IT!

JESUS IS SUPER EXALTED. JESUS DIDN’T CROWN HIMSELF, BUT THE FATHER CROWNED HIM; AND PLACED HIM ON THE THRONE OF MAJESTY! BUT NOT ONLY DID GOD “SUPER EXALT” OR “EXALT BEYOND MEASURE” HIS SON JESUS, BUT HE ALSO GAVE HIM A NAME THAT IS ABOVE ALL NAMES.

* THIS NOT ONLY GIVES JESUS THE DIVINE NAME OF YAWEH, BUT IT ALSO TELLS US THAT GOD HAS DECLARED THAT JESUS HAS THE CHARACTER AND PERSON ABOVE ALL OTHERS! THERE IS NO HIGHER NAME THAN YAHWEH AND JESUS HAS THAT NAME.

IF YOU HAVEN’T GOTTEN THIS YET THIS MORNING HOW AWESOME AND POWERFUL THIS NAME IS YET, LET ME HELP YOU...

* THE NAME OF JESUS IS ABOVE THE NAME OF ANY SICKNESS……
* THE NAME OF JESUS IS ABOVE ANY DISEASE
* THE NAME OF JESUS IS ABOVE A BAD REPORT FROM THE DOCTOR
* THE NAME OF JESUS IS ABOVE BANKRUPTCY
* THE NAME OF JESUS IS ABOVE DEPRESSION
* THE NAME OF JESUS IS ABOVE DIVORCE…
* THE NAME OF JESUS IS ABOVE LAY OFF OR TERMINATION
* THE NAME OF JESUS IS ABOVE……. ANY SITUATION (REPEAT)

WHATEVER HAS BEEN GIVEN A NAME, IT IS BELOW THE NAME OF JESUS!!!!

\*\*TELL SOMEONE AROUND YOU “THERE IS POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS!!!

NOW, NOT ONLY IS JESUS THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES, BUT...

**HIS NAME GIVES US OUR IDENTITY**

AS A CHRISTIAN, YOU ARE IDENTIFIED WITH CHRIST BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS. THEREFORE, IT IS IN CHRIST, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THAT GIVES YOU YOUR IDENTITY!

* *2 CORINTHIANS SAYS” HE HAS IDENTIFIED US AS HIS OWN BY PLACING THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR HEARTS.”*

AS A CHRISTIAN….

* YOU’RE NOT DEFINED BY THE OPINIONS OF OTHERS OR BY YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.
* YOU’RE NOT DEFINED BY YOUR SUCCESSES OR FAILURES.
* YOU’RE NOT DEFINED BY THE CAR YOU DRIVE, THE MONEY YOU MAKE, OR THE HOUSE YOU LIVE IN

YOU ARE DEFINED BY CHRIST AND CHRIST ALONE. HE IDENTIFIES YOU AS HIS OWN AND YOU HAVE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU.

NOW, YOU MAY BE WONDERING WHAT YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST IS? WELL IN YOU’LL BEAR WITH ME THE BIBLE GIVES US SOME EXAMPLES OF YOUR IDENTITY. IN CHRIST YOU CAN SAY...

* I AM ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED
* I AM BLESSED IN ALL BLESSINGS
* I AM CHOSEN IN HIM
* I AM DELIVERED FROM DEATH & SIN
* I AM ELEVATED TO HEAVENLY PLACES
* I AM FORGIVEN OF ALL SINS
* I AM GOD’S WORKMANSHIP
* I AM HEALED BY HIS STRIPES
* I AM INNOCENT BEFORE HIM
* I AM JUSTIFIED BY FAITH
* I AM KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD
* I AM LOVED UNCONDITIONALLY
* I AM MORE THAN A CONQUER
* I AM NOT CONDEMNED
* I AM OVERCOMING THE WORLD
* I AM PREDESTINED TO KINGSHIP
* I AM QUICKENED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST
* I AM REDEEMED FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW
* I AM SEALED WITH THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
* I AM VICTORIOUS THROUGH JESUS
* I AM WASHED IN HIS BLOOD
* I AM YOKED TOGETHER WITH BELIEVERS
* I AM ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS.

AND THAT’S JUST THE BEGINNING! IT IS IN HIS NAME THAT YOU HAVE YOUR IDENTITY & EXISTENCE!! AS A MATTER OF FACT, WHEN YOU BURY ME, YOU DON’T HAVE TO PUT HERE LIES SHAWN LONG ON MY TOMBSTONE, BUT YOU CAN PUT HERE LIES “A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST. HERE LIES A CO-HEIR OF CHRIST. HERE LIES A MAN WHO LOVES THE LORD.

\*\*TELL SOMEONE AROUND YOU “I AM SOMEONE IN THE NAME OF JESUS!!!

BUT THE AWESOMENESS OF THIS NAME DOESN’T JUST STOP THERE! LOOK AT VERSE 10……”*THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, OF THOSE IN HEAVEN, AND OF THOSE ON EARTH, AND OF THOSE UNDER THE EARTH”*

NOT ONLY IS JESUS EXALTED BY GOD THE FATHER, AND IS OUR IDENTITY, SOON THE WHOLE WORLD WILL BE BROUGHT INTO SUBMISSION AND KNEEL DOWN BEFORE THAT NAME! THE MOST HIGH! THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS! JESUS!

PLEASE NOTE THAT PAUL IS NOT IMPLYING BY THIS THAT THERES A UNIVERSAL SALVATION GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT HE MEANS THAT EVERY PERSON WILL ULTIMATELY CONFESS CHRIST'S LORDSHIP, EITHER WITH JOYFUL FAITH OR WITH RESENTMENT AND DESPAIR.

EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US ARE GOING TO LIVE FOREVER WHETHER YOU WANT TO OR NOT. SOME OF US ARE GOING TO BE LIVING IN GLORY, AND SOME OF US WILL BE LIVING WHERE IT IS HOT. IT DOESN’T MATTER WHERE YOU WILL BE, YOU WILL WORSHIP THE NAME OF JESUS!

THOSE IN HEAVEN, AND OF THOSE ON EARTH, AND OF THOSE UNDER THE EARTH: IN OTHER WORDS, ALL CREATION!

* WHETHER IT IS THE HEAVENLY HOST AND ANGELIC BEINGS,
* THOSE THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH,
* OR THOSE UNDER THE EARTH……WHETHER THEY ARE DEAD & HIDDEN IN THE EARTH, THEY WILL RISE, ONLY TO KNEEL DOWN AND WORSHIP CHRIST! ALL WILL BEND DOWN AND HONOR JESUS!

THE BIBLE SAYS *AND [THAT] EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST [IS] LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER*. IT WILL BE A COMBINATION OF KNEES BOWING DOWN AND MOUTH PROFESSING THE NAME OF JESUS WHICH IS THE EVIDENCE OF COMPLETE SUBMISSION TO JESUS IN ACTION AND IN WORDS!!

I CAN ALMOST ENVISION THIS GLORIOUS SCENE OF ALL BEINGS, BOTH HIGH AND LOW, DEEP DOWN AND ALL AROUND, WHEN THE FINAL JUDGMENT COMES, EVERY CREATURE IN HEAVEN AND HELL WILL BOW DOWN AND PROFESS THAT HE IS LORD!! ALL WILL ACKNOWLEDGE OPENLY! IT WILL BE A CONGREGATION BEYOND MEASURE, GIVING HIM PRAISE! ONE CHOIR OF MEGA PROPORTION PRAISING HIM IN ONE ACCORD RECOGNIZING THE SON OF GOD JESUS!!!!

WE’LL BREAK OUT INTO ALL THE WONDERFUL NAMES GIVEN SPECIFICALLY TO OUR LORD JESUS! NAMES LIKE...

* SAVIOR
* ALMIGHTY
* ALPHA AND OMEGA
* AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH
* BREAD OF LIFE
* REDEEMER

And I can imagine the devil starting to get choked up and the demons getting out of tune but then be straighten right back up as we began to praise Him again by His names!

* OUR CORNERSTONE
* COUNSELLOR
* CREATOR
* DELIVERER
* EVERLASTING FATHER
* FIRST AND LAST
* BEGINNING & END

Then the Angels starting to celebrate and sing with Joy as well as we call Him...

* GOOD SHEPHERD
* OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST
* OUR LORD
* FAITHFUL GOD
* FRIEND

Then the devil really starts shaking now as we continue to call Him...

* I AM
* IMMANUEL
* JEHOVAH
* KING OF KINGS
* LAMB OF GOD
* LIGHT OF THE WORLD
* LION OF JUDAH
* LORD OF LORD
* MESSIAH
* MEDIATOR
* MIGHTY ONE
* MORNING STAR
* PRINCE OF PEACE

**CLOSING**:

WHAT’S IN THE NAME?

* EVERYTHING I COME AGAINST BECOMES POWERLESS AGAINST THAT NAME.
* WHO I AM AND MY VALUE IF FOUND IN THAT NAME.
* I FIND ETERNITY IN THAT NAME AS I WILL WORSHIP THAT NAME FOREVER

THIS NAME THAT IS ABOVE EVERY NAME IS A NAME THAT WILL NOT FAIL, WILL NOT FORSAKE, WILL NOT BREAK YOUR TRUST, BUT IS A

* ROCK in a weary land
* HOPE when there is no hope
* PEACE that passes all understanding
* TRUTH among the lies
* JOY when sadness knocks on your door

WHAT’S IN THE NAME OF JESUS - EVERYTHING TO LIVE LIFE AND LIVE LIFE ABUNDANT!