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The Name Of Jesus

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Let's open with prayer.

We may think the name of Jesus is old hat for some of us – we use it for everything, but esp in light of Bishops message Sunday – its important not just to know what we believe but why we believe it. We need to be able to explain things.

we want to start to rehearsing the doctrine basics – the blood of Jesus, salvation, the name of Jesus for when the harvest comes at the end of this season.

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We are going to dive right into the bible tonight and stay mostly in this one verse.

Above Every Name

... and given him a name which is above every name



This is something we say and hear very commonly in service – Jesus is the name above every name.

In December I did a bible study on the blood of Jesus and Rolanzo and I were discussing how important it is to differentiate the blood of Jesus from just any blood – what makes it different. Then he said to me and which Jesus, because there was more than one.

And he made a really good point.... infact

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Colossians 4:11 – Jesus/Justus

Jesus was such a common name at the time, Josephus records 29 OTHER men named Jesus in his works.

There was even a man named Jesus who was a follower of Jesus Christ:

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At the time many women would name their sons Jesus in hopes he was the Messiah.

So what is it then about the name of Jesus that actually is above every name if it was so shared and so common?

Well to understand why the name is above every name, even when it is shared we have to look the name was given, and separately how it was elevated. Finally we have to look at the distinction of this Jesus from all others named Jesus.

[Mat 1:20 KJV] 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.



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This verse distinguishes his name and his purpose

Small Tangent: So we always focus on Mary how she showed up pregnant without being married (Matt 1:18). So think on top of all this, not only is she unmarried, and claiming she is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, they have the audacity to name their child Jesus – which everyone knew meant Messiah.

Difference between Mary and other mothers

She was a virgin

She was obedient

She wasn't trying to be the mother of the messiah, she just ended up that way because she was obedient.

When mothers would do this, it was pushing their will on the will of God, much

like the old testament when they tried to bring about the will of God out of their own devices. So while there are other Jesus in the Bible, their name is NOT God given.

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V9 WHEREFORE – on account of, through which thing, consequently
IOW on account of or consequently due to his crucifixion and submission to such a humiliating death, God then exalted Jesus and at that point, his name was glorified over all the other Jesus at the time.

Like Alfred in the last kingdom – many Saxons named Alfred but because of his victories in battle, his name became elevated over all other names, including other Alfred

God gave him the name then based on his action, he then elevated the name to greatness above all others.

The year I was born, Lauren Bacall published her biography and because she had such an influential career her name was exalted. Now I was named after her but Lauren Pallante doesn't carry the weight of Lauren Bacall.

Name: Reputation, everything a name covers brought to mind by mentioning it – achievements, character, personality



Distinction of This Jesus

Distinction of this Jesus to Other Jesus

Name: It was the reputation and the name represented. In Greek it is everything the name covers or which his brought to mind by the mentioning it. Very few names carry the recognition the name of Jesus does. And when I hear it, my mind goes to one person who completed a specific achievement.

Ex: Hitler, Trump, Kobe

So while there are other people named Jesus, even today, they do not have the actions or evidence to be Jesus Christ or Jesus the Savior, and his name is exalted above every name because of his obedience. The name is associated with the Jesus Christ not Bar-Jesus or Justus Jesus or Jesus down the street is above every name.

We'll talk about the other distinctions in title such as Christ, The Christ, The Messiah, Rabbi, Lord etc. at another time.

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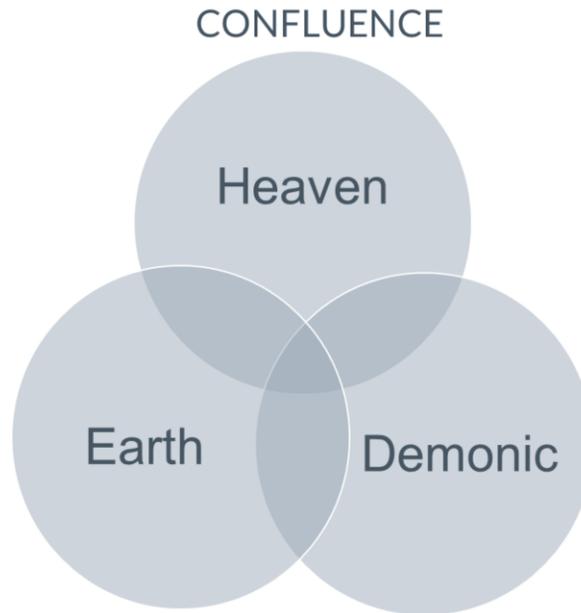
Once the name is exalted above all names, Paul then outlines the authority or things that come subject to the name of Jesus and it falls into three realms of existence:

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Or more accurately, the beings in those realms so we are referring to:

1. Beings in heaven – angels
2. Beings in earth – living man
3. Beings under the earth – the dead (which dead is separation from God and demons are separated from bodies so it has to be demonic realm, how else can dead things kneel?)



These are the three confluences in our lives

- The heavenly realm which is where blessings come from
- The earthly realm which we are stuck in and operate in
- The demonic realm which tries to attack us and manifest the work of Satan

But every knee shall bow in all three realms – meaning there is not a being in creation that is not subject to the name of Jesus

- Some bow by choice
- Some bow by force
- But they bow to Jesus

- › **Rom 14:11 KJV] 11** For it is written, [As] I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

We do well to remember that when we call on the name of Jesus in prayer and warfare.

“Should bow” in Phil 2 in the KJV is slightly misleading – it sounds like it leaves the possibility it won’t happen or a choice in the matter. And we do to a degree – should is for now, God gives free will to believe and worship him in the now.

And we have, just as we have a chance of salvation up to the point of our deaths, the chance to chose to do so.

BUT make no mistake, this is a directive – in the future tense which is where we get shall bow. It is the same word used in Romans 14:11

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Bow means to show reverence or worhsip. You show reverence to authority. Literally nothing can stand at the name of Jesus – every knee shall bow – but this is a use case.

I am sure we didn’t all get up and bow every time I have said Jesus during this lesson

In the future we literally will – and just because we haven’t seen it doesn’t

mean it wont happen. There was a time when people could never conceive of cell phones, couldn't picture it

JESUS CHRIST

Is Lord



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We are addressing the savior of the whole world when we speak the name

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This point is vitally important for two reasons

1. It helps establish the oneness of Christ and God
2. It distinguishes the authority which the Name Jesus yields. It's the difference between lauren bacall and lauren pallante

God will not share his name with another – so to say Jesus Christ is Lord is to Say he is me.

The word Christ means Messiah or Savior. Only God can save from Sin so they have to be one in the same. Jesus even said in John 10:30 I and my father are one.

Its not a case of Senior and Junior – Isaiah 42:8 states The LORD is my name (isn't that what he is calling Jesus) and I will not share my glory with another (that is up to and including his name).

Summary Acts 3:1-16

- › “in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth...rise up and walk!”

Context for Acts 4 – the Authority

Remember there were at least 29 other Jesus floating around during this time

Acts 3:1-8, 16

V6 in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth

“he name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning, hearing, remembering, the name, i.e. for one's rank, authority, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds etc”

IOW Authority or character

Phrase “in the name” means representing someone or something or using the authority given by the person with that name.

Peter wanted to be very clear which Jesus he was referring to, whose authority he was using – not just Jesus Christ – because remember everyone was like yep, my son Jesus the messiah...no the one from Nazareth – because his name is above every name

His name makes all beings in the heaven, earth and demonic realms bow

HIS NAME causes even the cells to regenerate so walking becomes possible in this man. Every microbe and parasite and thing or being in that mans body had to come to attention at the name of jesus because of the authority it carries in the natural and the spiritual

SO that is what is in the name – the Name above every name. The name of Jesus.

THE END

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Quick recap:

The name of Jesus is above every name because God exalted it due to the crucifixion

The name of Jesus was given by God not by man which sets it apart from 29 other guys with the same name

The name of Jesus is above every confluence of our lives

Every being in creation can bow now or will bow later to the name of Jesus

Most of all, understanding why the name is valuable and exalted should cause us to treasure it, use it correctly and to share it with others.

So when people tell us why worship Jesus, which Jesus what Jesus, we know we worship Jesus Christ, the Lord.

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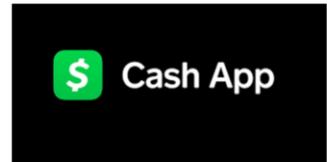
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