

# The Name of Jesus Christ

Names are important to God. From the commandments:

Exo 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying,

Exo 20:2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Exo 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: **for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

Exo 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Exo 20:7 **Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.**

God stated that He is a jealous God. Sometimes I think people don't realize how jealous of praise and honor God is:

Isa 42:8 I *am* the **LORD**; that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

The word *Lord* has special significance with God as we shall see. God does not want us to give glory to another as God and Lord. Back in Exodus 20:7 he said **Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain**. God is not talking about swearing here like many people believe. God is talking about His role as God and Lord. He is telling us that we are not to take Him lightly or what he tells us to do. Nor should we partake of His salvation and then turn back to sin.

During the Old Testament times God was referred to by many names.

I AM

Exo 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

Exo 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Exo 3:15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God

of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: *this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.*

Jehovah

Here God was speaking to Moses:

Exo 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of God Almighty*, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

The most important of them all in the old Testament was *The Lord* or *The Lord God*:

Again:

Exo 3:15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The **LORD God** of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: **this is my name for ever**, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

Exo 15:3 The LORD is a man of war: **the LORD is his name.**

Lev 19:12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.

Lev 22:31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I *am* the LORD.

Lev 22:32 Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I *am* the LORD which hallow you,

The phrase *the Name of the Lord* appears in 87 versus in the Old Testament alone. Let's see what some of the writers had to say about the Name of the Lord:

In Praise

Psa 148:13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

Psa 102:21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

Psa 113:2 Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

Psa 118:26 Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

In Protection:

Psa 20:7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Psa 124:8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.  
Pro 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

In Salvation:

Psa 116:4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Psa 116:13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

Joe 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

*Mount Zion* in the Old Testament not only is Jerusalem but also alludes to the Church of the New Testament.

Zec 14:8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

In Zechariah it speaks of the infilling of the Holy Ghost, the spirit of God, events that happened in Acts 2 and Acts 10. The *living waters* is the Holy Ghost. The *hinder sea* is Israel. In Acts 2 Peter preached to Israelites and it was Israelites that were filled with the Holy Ghost that day. The former sea is the Gentiles. In Acts 10, Peter preached to Cornelius, a Roman soldier and his family. They were filled with the Holy Ghost that day.

Zechariah says that “the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.” In the day that the living waters (the Holy Ghost) shall be poured out there shall be one Lord and his name one. If we look at what Peter preached on that day in Acts 2 to the Israelites we can see who that one Lord is and that one name:

Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

So God gave the position of *the Lord* to Jesus. Jesus was born the Christ. So is Jesus the one name for the one Lord? If we examine what Peter preached to Cornelius in Acts 10 we can see that there is more to it:

Act 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Act 10:35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Act 10:36 The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by **Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)**

So now we see that *Jesus Christ* is Lord of all. Is Christ a title like *Lord* or a name? If we read these scriptures we have an answer:

2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that **nameth the name of Christ** depart from iniquity.

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the **name of Christ**, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

So then Christ is a name. Actually it is *both* a title and a name. Christ does mean *Messiah*, but it was only given to Jesus of Nazareth to be the Messiah. Is Jesus Christ one name then or two names? Just as my last name distinguishes me from other men of the same first name, Christ differentiates the Lord Jesus from other Jesus' in the Bible. There were three other Jesus' mentioned in the Bible, two directly and the third by implication:

Jesus Justus:

Col 4:10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

Col 4:11 And **Jesus, which is called Justus**, who are of the circumcision. These only *are my* fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

Jesus and son of Jesus:

Act 13:6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was **Barjesus**:

The *Bar* in Barjesus meant *son of*. So that means that not only was this false prophet's name Jesus but he was the son of a Jesus.

Surnames (last names) that exist today come from many sources based on culture. In some cultures the surname came from an occupation or a title of someone's role. For example if someone has the last name of *Smith*, odds are that one of their ancestors was a *blacksmith*. In some cultures a man might have taken the first name of his father as his last name. For example, *Anderson* means *Son of Andrew*. Barjesus is a variation on this theme.

Christ is also called Lord:

Luk 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is **Christ the Lord.**

Rom 14:7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

Rom 14:8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Rom 14:9 For to this end **Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.**

So if *Jesus is Lord* and *Christ is Lord* and the Lord's name shall be *one* that name must be Jesus Christ. Just as my full name is made of a first name and a surname, the name of the Lord is made of a first name (Jesus) and surname (Christ) The surname of Christ not only differentiates Jesus Christ from other Jesus' but also entitles Jesus Christ with Lord and Savior (messiah).

2Pe 3:18 But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of **our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.** To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Act 16:31 And they said, Believe on the **Lord Jesus Christ,** and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Phi 2:10 That at the **name of Jesus every knee should bow,** of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

Phi 2:11 And *that* every tongue should confess **that Jesus Christ is Lord,** to the glory of God the Father.

Phillipians 2:10 says that every knee shall bow at the name of Jesus, but then it clarifies that every tongue shall confess that *Jesus Christ* is Lord. Here we see a pattern beginning to emerge. When Jesus was written about in the letters (Romans-Jude), clarification was given either by restating the name of *Jesus Christ* or by describing Jesus by *Lord*, as in the *Lord Jesus*. When it came to action the Apostles used the name of Jesus Christ verbatim. Paul wrote:

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the **name of the Lord Jesus,** giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

The *Lord Jesus* is Jesus Christ. If we use the actions of the Apostles as our cloud of witnesses then we can see what we are supposed to do today:

Act 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*.

Act 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Act 3:3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

Act 3:4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

Act 3:5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

Act 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the **name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Act 3:7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Act 9:33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

Act 9:34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, **Jesus Christ maketh thee whole:** arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

Act 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

Act 16:17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

Act 16:18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee **in the name of Jesus Christ** to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

The Apostles always invoked the full name of Jesus Christ in deeds they performed. Here is an example of what happened when only Jesus was used:

Act 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, **We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.**

Act 19:14 And there were seven sons of *one* Sceva, a Jew, *and* chief of the priests, which did so.

Act 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

Act 19:16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

You can see that by example the full Name of Jesus Christ was used by the Apostles whenever they did anything in God. Not only did the disciples act in the full name of Jesus Christ but they also preached in the full name:

Act 4:7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

Act 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,  
Act 4:9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;  
Act 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.  
Act 4:11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.  
Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is **none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**  
Act 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.  
Act 4:14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.  
Act 4:15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,  
Act 4:16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them *is* manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny *it*.  
Act 4:17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.  
Act 4:18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the **name of Jesus.**

Notice that it was the disciples (namely Peter in this case) that preached the name of Jesus Christ, but it was the rulers of Israel that just called him Jesus.

Act 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they **ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.**

Act 17:2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

Act 17:3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; **and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.**

1Co 1:23 But we **preach Christ crucified**, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

2Co 4:5 **For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord;** and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

Nowhere do the disciples say that they preach Jesus only. In action they preached Jesus Christ. In Acts 17 Paul was trying to reason with the Jews that the Jesus that he preached (Jesus Christ) was the Messiah that they had not believed in. In Acts 4:12 we read that there is no other name given among men whereby we must be saved. In Acts 2:38 Peter preached:

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

When we get baptized we are to be baptized in the full name of Jesus Christ.

I have shown that Jesus Christ is Lord and Jesus Christ is his full name.

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

When Paul wrote this he intended (by the example he and others gave us) to do and say all in the name of the *Lord* Jesus which is Jesus Christ. Paul also wrote:

1Co 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

The Lord is one and His name is one. His name is Jesus Christ, nothing added to, and nothing taken away.