

THE BEAUTIFUL NAME OF JESUS

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Choosing a name ... The choice was already made, even before He was born, as the angel instructed Joseph, **Mt. 1:21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS ... There is no greater name than the name of Jesus. It means ‘Saviour’, for he shall save his people from their sins. ... And Paul the Jew, who became a Christian, is relating to the day when, - before King Jesus, - **Phil. 2:10** every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. ... The word ‘should’ translates a subjunctive aorist tense and it means that when the knee is bowed in submission it is an action that is completed once, but the attitude of submission is forever.

As we prepare to come to the Lord’s Table, let’s consider these words further ... At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things **IN HEAVEN** ... Consider the present state of our loved ones in Glory. ... Here is the process, - **Rom. 8:30** whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified ... The saints are *glorified* in Heaven, and Heaven is their abode. It is where they *are* with Christ for the soul of every Christian who dies *immediately* enters Heaven. ... There is no Purgatory, no Nirvana, no reincarnation, no soul-sleep ... The very moment the believer dies, they leave behind their old body, and they are *instantly* with the Lord (II Cor. 5:8).

Through what Jesus did on the cross, death, - which was our ultimate enemy, - has been defeated and has become the entrance to Glory. Death, - though sorrowful, - has lost its sting for Christ has defeated it and His Father has ‘turned it around’ and uses it to bring His people to Himself. The old cry was, **Rom. 7:24** O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? ... And the answer is, **25** I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord ... **8:38** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ... And that is due to the victory Jesus won on the cross and therefore, to every saint in Heaven, the name of Christ is the most precious name on their lips.

On earth, this truth is presently known ‘in part’ but in Heaven this truth will become fully known, **I Cor. 13:9** For we know in part ... **12** now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face ... **I Jn. 3:2** now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be

like him; for we shall see him as he is. ... It is abundantly clear in Heaven for each who are there because they understand the complete knowledge of their sins having been washed away by Christ's sacrifice on the cross ... His blood having been shed for them ... how He died the atoning death to make them acceptable before His Father. They are in Heaven not because of what *they* did, but because of what *He* did and that is why the saints in Heaven are, - at this very moment, - *glorying* in the name of Jesus.

And when He looks on them, He has cast aside how they once were for He remembers their sin no more. There is nothing either in them or on them which causes Him offence for He has removed forever that which once would have kept them away. Because of Him there are no guilty people in Heaven. The thief on the cross is a free man. There are no convictions against him because the Saviour wiped his record clean. ... There is no shame in the eyes of any of the Redeemed, for it has been forgotten eternally. ... And the beautiful name of Jesus is the Name on the lips of every angel and every child of God ... and it is at that name every knee is bowing, *of things in heaven*.

Also ... *At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things IN EARTH*. Now, being realistic, we don't see this today ... and, to be perfectly honest, ... there is no sign of it. At this present moment, it is sadly so evident the people of this 'earth' is *not* honouring the name of Jesus and has no intention of kneeling at its mention. *It's not happening!* Indeed, it seems quite the opposite for there are many who take that precious name in vain. They see nothing beautiful about it. It is meaningless to them ... and yet Paul says, *at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth*. ... Here we take the Lord at His word for He knows the end from the beginning and He has plans for it which far exceed the minds of men and women, and He guided the pen of the apostle to write *at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth* ... That means it is going to happen, *for God says it!*

It has been a work in progress since the first soul was saved on the Day of Pentecost for across this world today there are people in virtually every nation who love the name of the Lord Jesus. In some countries they are being martyred ... and *still* they love His name! Many are being persecuted, beaten, and imprisoned, and yet, the Church is growing and advancing.

The devil, - more in hope than expectation, - has 'spun the yarn' the Christians will soon be extinct! ... And he has multitudes believing the Church is irreparably damaged, and it is only a matter of time before it will be 'on its

way out'! ... But no matter what he comes out with, we stand on the words of the Lord Jesus Who declared neither Satan, his demons, or his kingdom will prevail against God's people, the Church.

God's Word tells us Jesus is on the throne, and at this very moment He is reigning in Heaven. He is sitting at His Father's right hand in the Heavenly places, and there is no might or dominion can confound His will or disrupt His purposes. He is **Eph. 1:21** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: **22** And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church ... Satan is powerless against Him!

Yes, Christ is reigning in Heaven and someday He is coming to reign and rule on this earth. *God's people* bow before Him *now* on this earth for they already accept His Kingship. However, the ungodly *aren't* bowing before Him just yet ... but there is coming a time when God's Word assures us every knee will *literally* bow before Him ... And that includes the unbeliever for they will not be able to stand for He will compel them to fall to their knees *and submit* to the authority of His name. ... Such is its power! ... At the mention of His name, there will be none standing. ... Kings and queens, prime ministers and presidents to the ordinary person in the street ... they will all be on their knees! God also hath highly exalted him [*King Jesus*], and given him a name which is above every name: **10** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things **under the earth**.

When Christ returns the dead shall be raised, - those that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt (Dan. 12:2). ... When the bodies of the dead in Christ hear the Lord descend from Heaven, His coming will be accompanied with a shout which will resound throughout all creation, and when they hear the voice of the archangel, and when they hear the trumpet of God *blasting* throughout the world ... then their old bodies will be replaced with the new bodies and they will rise to meet the Lord, - King Jesus, - in the air, and they will be with Him forever (I Thess. 4:14-17), reigning as kings.

However, that same trumpet-sound will also be heard in another realm beyond the grave where a great fear will bind those who rejected Christ in this life, and they are not able to undo their error. Instead of salvation, there will be condemnation. ... Those who are not saved will fall on their faces in terror

before Him, for at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* **under the earth**.

That name which is beautiful to you and me will be the name before which the unsaved will shudder because they will hear the most awful and horrifying words when the books are opened and the dead outside of Christ are finally sentenced to a lost eternity in Hell, without parole and without rescue.

In Hell the name of Christ is feared for it fills its citizens with dread. ... Even the demons are tormented! ... Remember the devils who were possessing the man called Legion, and how they called out helplessly, **Mk. 5:7** *What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure [plead] thee by God, that thou torment me not.* Hell is an awful place ... and only Christ can save from it in this present day of grace.

Yes, that beautiful name of Jesus has all the authority of Heaven, even in the kingdom of Hell, for *at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things* **UNDER THE EARTH**.

And here, at the Table we remember our Lord's victory and what He has achieved on our behalf. The world has treated and is treating His name with contempt, but the Father honoured Him with a glorious title! In His humiliation, - when He **Phil. 2:7** *took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:* **8** *And ... he humbled himself, and became obedient unto ... the death of the cross,* - His Father called Him "Jesus" (Matt. 1:21). And, in His exaltation He gave Him the name "Lord", **Phil. 2:11** *... Jesus Christ is Lord.* That is because He arose from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and is enthroned beside His Father. He hasn't finished yet for one day soon, He is coming back to this earth and when He does, *all* will bow before Him for His Father has made it a personal objective, **Is. 45:23** *I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.*

The name of Jesus is so sweet,
I love its music to repeat;
It makes my joys full and complete,
The precious name of Jesus.

Jesus! oh, how sweet the name,
Jesus! every day the same;
Jesus! let all saints proclaim
Its worthy praise forever.