

Session 6: The Glory of that Name!

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mind-set as Christ Jesus...” Philippians 2:5

Same mind-set...what does that mean?

Mindset = a particular way of thinking; a person's attitude or set of opinions about something; a mental attitude or inclination; a fixed state of mind.

Same mind-set as Christ Jesus = Thinking like Jesus; an attitude of giving, sharing, loving, and caring enough to give your life for others; fixing your eyes on the One who gave His life-blood that we might have life.

*Being willing to make decisions based on the idea of “WWJD”
(What Would Jesus Do?).*

JESUS CHRIST—WHAT A NAME! We should glory, praise and exalt that name.

Names! We all have them. They are important to our knowing one another and to others knowing us.

What difference does it make as to what your name is?

If my name was Joe Busybody instead of Gerald Cumby, would it make any difference as to who I really am?

Most of our names are unimportant, that is, we could have any other name on earth and still be the same person we already are.

In the end, however, your name is going to be very important to you. Your name is going to be in the Lamb's Book of Life...or, it is not. If it is in the "Book"...you will enjoy eternity with the Lamb Himself. If not, you will be separated and placed in a setting where God is not there and there is going to be eternal punishment for your choices and actions made ...

***Revelation 20:12-15**, "And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire."*

Names are important...but, there is a name that is above every name.

- It is a name that prompts the citizens of Heaven to shout and the citizens of Hell to shutter.
- A name that brings help to the helpless, peace to the tormented, rest to the restless, hope to the hopeless and comfort to the comfortless.
- This name has cooled the fevered brow; broken the chains of sin; delivered the captive and thrilled the saint.

The one who bears this name has been called everything from Adam to Wonderful. This name is...Yeshua, Jesus!

Let's explore the glory of that name.

Search your heart and if you do not know the Person Who wears that Name, you can meet Him today. If you know Him, but aren't as close to Him as you should be, you can get that fixed up today as well.

THE REALITY OF THAT NAME'S GLORY (Verse 9) *Philippians 2:5-11*, "*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient*

to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,* ¹⁰ *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* ¹¹ *and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*”

- **A Sovereign Glory** – His glory is given to Him by divine decree.
 - ✓ The word “**Exalted**” means, “**To be raised to the highest heights.**”
 - ✓ All over the world, with every tick of the clock, men curse and despise the name of Jesus, but...
 - ✓ It is this name that brings forgiveness of sin, **Luke 24:47**, “*and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem...*” and gives us access into the Father’s presence, **John 16:23-24**, “*In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.*”

Remember...when we rejoice, exalt and praise the Lord Jesus, we are merely doing what God has already done.

- **A Singular Glory** – His name is “**above**” every name. That means that it is “**over, beyond, chief.**”
 - ✓ Millions may wear the same name all over the world today, but there is only one Jesus.
 - ✓ Only He can take the vilest of sinners and make them clean.
 - ✓ Only He can take a Hell bound sinner and reconcile him to God.

Note: Whether a person acknowledges the glory of that name in this life or not, His is still a name that is chief among all names.

THE REASON FOR THAT NAME’S GLORY, Verses 5-9

(**Note:** “**Wherefore**” in **verse 9** points back to the reason why God has given Jesus this place of exaltation and glory.)

- **His Station**, Verses 6-7 – These verses declare for us the truth that Jesus Christ is absolutely God, the Son..., John 1:1, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”* He was always God, yet God the Son took upon Himself human flesh when He was born in Bethlehem.

- ✓ When He came, He did not come as a king, as a wealthy man or as a ruler.
- ✓ When He came, He came as a servant. He came as an ordinary man to serve all men, *Isa. 53:2, “He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in appearance that we should desire him.”*
- ✓ He came as a man so that He might die for all men.

Note: God exalted Him because He willingly humbled Himself to be a living demonstration of God’s love for fallen humanity, **Rom. 5:8**, *“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

- **His Submission** – Jesus willingly came from Heaven to earth for the sole purpose of going to Calvary to die for you and me, **John 18:37**. Man did not kill Jesus! He willingly laid down His life, the innocent for the guilty, so that sinners might be saved, **John 10:17-18**. Because He submitted all to His Father and became obedient unto death, His Father has exalted His name above every name in Heaven or on the earth.
- **His Sacrifice** v. 8, 9— This verse tells us that Jesus willingly entered the jaws of death for you and me. His death was no sanitary, painless affair. He didn’t die in a hospital with drugs to dull His pain. When He died, He died on a cross, the most horrible and cruel form of execution ever devised by man. He did this because He loves us! Because He did this, God has **“highly exalted Him, and given Him a name that is above every name.”** May those who have experienced the power of that cross join their voices with that of the Father and lift high the name of Jesus!

THE RESPONSE TO THAT NAME'S GLORY, Verses 10-11

Note: The word “*should*” v. 10 is a word indicating that there is a response that is expected when that name is encountered.

- **An Acknowledgement of His Position** v. 11– Every being in all of the universe is called upon to recognize His position. They are all called upon to bow in submission and surrender to this man named Jesus. Every creature in Heaven, in Hell, and upon the earth is called upon to acknowledge Him and the glory of that Name, the glory of His power and His glory. This is a call to acknowledge, but whether you do it willingly or not, there is coming a day when every angel, every demon, every saint, every sinner, even Satan himself, will bow to that name.
Rom. 14:11, “*It is written: ‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.’*”
- **An Acceptance of His Person**, v. 11— The word “*confess*” means “*to agree, or to say the same thing about.*” That is important because God has declared that there is only one way to come to Him, **John 14:6; Acts 4:12; John 6:47**. Have you ever come to the place where you have humbled yourself and confessed the fact that you cannot save yourself....Therefore, acknowledging your sins to God, **Rom. 3:23**? Have you ever acknowledged the inability to produce salvation for yourself? It is time to acknowledge truth! It is time to accept the gift of salvation through Jesus. *Romans 6:23b*, “*...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, the Lord.*”

CONCLUSION:

In Heaven they know that Name! In Heaven they praise that Name! In Hell they know that Name! Those in Hell will one day bow and praise that Name! Satan knows that Name! One day, even Satan himself will bow and praise that Name! The only place where the Name of Jesus is not known in power and glory is in the heart and lives of lost men and women.

Our name is important...but, having a good name will not get us to heaven.

There are many “important men and women, boys and girls with good names” in heaven...and there are important people in hell.

In our relationship with fellow Christians, our mindset should be like that of Jesus Christ.

As we come to the end of this passage, we actually come back to the beginning.

- ***There will come a day when men will acknowledge that Jesus is Lord.*** *They can do it in this life or they can do it in eternity’s life span. HOWEVER...the idea of waiting to “that lifespan” will be too late to make a difference in their fate.*
- ***When they call Jesus Lord, they will do so to the glory of the Father.***
- ***The whole aim of Jesus is not for His own glory, but God the Father’s.*** *Not for His own supremacy, but God the Father’s.*

Note: In the end, Jesus Himself, will be subject to God the Father...who put all things under Him.

1 Corinthians 15:28, “When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.”

Jesus draws men to Himself that He may draw them to God.

In the Philippian church there were men whose aim was to:

- Gratify a selfish ambition
- Focus men's eyes upon themselves.

The aim of Jesus was to:

- Serve others, no matter what depths of self-renunciation that service might involve
- Focus men's eyes upon God...His Father and our Father.

The follower of Christ must think always, not of himself but of others, not of his own glory but of the glory of God.

Now you know what mindset we should have if we truly want to be a servant of the Most High God.

The Holy Spirit does what Jesus tells him to do. He points and aims his focus on winning the hearts of the lost to Jesus.

Jesus points and aims to the Father God. In the end, the Godhead will be exalted and we will reign with Him, Them....forever!

Assignment: Read John 14; John 15:26; 1 Corinthians 15:28.