

Title: The Name of Christ
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The Holy Spirit declares plainly, **whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Ro 10: 13.)**

Calling on the name of the Lord involves more than vocally reciting the name, Jesus. It is to call on him, *believing* on him—casting all our care on him—trusting him alone to save us entirely. The Holy Spirit declares plainly, “**How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?**” (Ro 10: 13.)

Believing is much more than simply making a public profession. Believing is being persuaded by God from the heart that eternal life is Christ Jesus. Yet, it is impossible to believe in the Lord Jesus unless we have heard of him. The Holy Spirit says, “**And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?**” (Ro 10: 13.)

Proposition: If we would hear of Christ Jesus we need to know who he is, what he came to do, and where he is now.

I. WHO IS CHRIST JESUS?

Isaiah 9: 6: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS GOD AND MAN.

A. First, the humanity of Christ. -- “For unto us a child is born.”

1. Those whom God elected unto salvation in his Son, Christ Jesus, are men. God made the first representative, Adam, a man, because God purposed in eternity to make the second representative, Christ Jesus, a man. Adam was a figure of him that was to come.

Romans 5: 19: For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one [man] shall many be made righteous.

2. (Turn to Heb 5: 1) The High Priest, Christ Jesus, is a man taken from among men for men. The High Priest has a two-fold responsibility First, to make reconciliation to God for the sins of his brethren

Hebrews 5: 1: For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

His brethren were men, so he became a man. He came to offer the sacrifice of himself as the Substitute of his people under the wrath of God. He would have to die therefore he assumed a nature capable of suffering death.

Second responsibility of the High Priest is to comfort his brethren.

Hebrews 5: 2: Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity....4: And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. 5: So also Christ

glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

Hebrews 2: 14: Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15: And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16: For verily he took not on *him the nature of* angels; but he took on *him* the seed of Abraham. 17: Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18: For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Illustration: Are you a child living in your parent's household? He has been there. Are you a young adult? He has been there. Are you an adult? He has been there.

B. Then the LORD of hosts declares the deity of Christ.--

Isaiah 9: 6:...Unto us a son is given

1. This one who was born a child is the Son of God. The Son was not born but GIVEN. Salvation is a gift. This gift is in God's Son.

1 John 4:9-10: In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein

is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

2. Jesus Christ is both Man and God.

- Christ's obedience to the law could have no eternal value to us were he not also the infinite God.
- Christ's death could never satisfy eternal justice for us were he not himself the infinite God.

He is God and Man. He accomplished *eternal* redemption. He is *eternal* life. His salvation is *eternal* salvation. Salvation, eternal life, eternal redemption is the gift of God in his Son, the man Christ Jesus.

I John 5: 11: And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12: He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Who is Christ Jesus? He is God and Man—the GODMAN—who is himself, life eternal.

II. WHAT DID CHRIST COME TO DO?

Isaiah 9: 6:...and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

A. (Turn to Rom 3) Christ came to lay down his life at Calvary to declare that God saves in absolute righteousness.
The government of the righteousness of God was upon the shoulder of Christ Jesus.

Romans 3: 21: But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22: Even the righteousness of God...by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe.

2. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself—the world of his elect, called the world because they are both Jew and Gentile. God declared that he will only save in righteousness by making *him sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

3. The wrath of God toward all the transgressions of all his elect throughout all time—the eternal, infinite weight of justice and mercy—fell on the shoulder of Christ Jesus alone.

- He tread the winepress of God's holy fury alone.--*My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?*
- He satisfied God for all those he represented--*it is finished!*

4. By setting Christ forth in this manner—lifting him up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness--God declares that his love is holy love, his mercy is righteous mercy, he is both just and the Justifier of him which believeth in Jesus (Romans 3: 26.) The government was upon his shoulder.

Hebrews 1: 3: Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Christ Jesus is Man and God—the GODMAN. He came to declare God just and the Justifier AND he saved his people from their sins.

III. WHERE IS CHRIST NOW? WHAT IS HE DOING NOW?

God the Father raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*. Christ Jesus is 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: God the Father has put all *things* under his feet.

A. Right now, the government of his church is on his shoulder. Christ Jesus is the Head over all *things* to the church. The church is his body. His church is the fullness of him. He filleth all in all.

1. Christ the King is sending forth his messengers with his gospel in truth and in spirit.

2. Our King is taking dominion in the hearts of his people through the Holy Spirit. Our King rules in the heart of every believer making every believer willingly submit to him.

Sin shall not have dominion over you because you are not under the law but under the gracious rule of Christ the King. You were the servants of sin unto death, But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. (Ro 6: 22.)

B. Right now, from heavens glory, the government—the rule and dominion over of the universe, the world and all things therein—is upon Christ Jesus shoulder.

Matthew 28: 18: And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

1. Turn with me to Colossians 1. Just how fully is the government of God on his shoulder? Just how far should we go in ascribing the full government of God to be on the shoulder of Christ Jesus?

Colossians 3: 16: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18: And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence. 19: For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

2. Our King subdues all our enemies, he protects our persons and properties, our rights and liberties, and he supplies us with everything necessary.

Apply: Are you unsure about our nation's government right now? The government is on Christ's shoulder. Do you become afraid when you think of how frail and weak you are to provide for your families? The government is on Christ's shoulder. Do men entice you, try to turn you to elements of this world, away from Christ? The government is on Christ's shoulder. Who shall separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus?

This all-encompassing government on his shoulder is one reason why he is described in Revelation this way:

Re 19:12:...on his head were many crowns;

LET ME ASK YOU, HAVE YOU CALLED ON HIS NAME?

Isaiah 9: 6:...and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor

1. Christ Jesus is the Wonderful Angel of the council of the triune God, wonderful in council and excellent in working (Is 28: 29.) All the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God. (2 Cor 1:20.)

2. He is the sinners Advocate. If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous (I Jn 2: 1.)

Is this the name you have called on? Call on him, now!

Isaiah 9: 6:...and his name shall be called...the mighty God

Hebrews 1: 8: Unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever.

- Mighty to call, mighty to hear when you call
 - Might to create, mighty to teach
 - Mighty to preserve, mighty to bring you to glory with him
- Colossians 2: 9: For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily...the head of all principality and power.

Those who trust Christ are complete in him. Is this the name you have called? Are you yet working for acceptance with God or are you persuaded that you are complete in Christ? Call on him, now!

Isaiah 9: 6:...and his name shall be called...the everlasting Father,

1. Christ Jesus, the Mediator and Surety and Redeemer of his people, has been the Father over his own house from everlasting and shall be to everlasting. The Father is the legal representative of the family. So Christ our everlasting Father represents the family of his elect.

- In our first father Adam, all whom he represented died when he broke the law.
- In our second father, Christ Jesus, all whom he represented obeyed the law when he obeyed it, all died to its penalty when he died to it and all rose in him when he rose victorious.

1 Corinthians 15:22: For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

2. The Father is also the life-giver and provider of his children. Every redeemed child of the everlasting Father is born again in regeneration. Born...

- Of His Seed, of his Spirit,
- Made Partaker of His Divine Nature
- We wear His Name, we are Under His Care, we Live upon His Provisions, and we shall possess His Inheritance. He is the Father over his own house whose house we are, if we hold fast till the end.

Isaiah 9: 6:...and his name shall be called...the Prince of Peace.

1. By plunging himself into the teeth of the battle, he has won peace for his people through the blood of his cross,

Isaiah 40:2: Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

Romans 5: 1: Therefore being justified, by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Call on him now! With the Prince of peace it only gets better and better for the believer:

Isaiah 9: 7: Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The LORD of hosts is so zealous for the honor of his great name that he only gives his name to those for whom he has honored his name himself. He works his power so effectually in those who are called by his name that he will not allow one to dishonor his name by falling away.

Is this the name you have called? Whether you are a sinner who has never called on him or a sinner who believes him—call on him, now!

Hebrews 4: 15: For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin. 16: Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Whether you see you desperate need for the first time. Call on him now! Whether you need assurance, you need for him to create in you a right spirit! Call on his name now! This is the promise of this One:

Romans 10: 13: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

AMEN!