

Theology Proper

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- I. Session 12: Jesus Christ is God Part 3: Jesus' Name
- a. Review: In our previous series we have seen God's Name is Himself and that God does not share His name nor the Glory of His name with someone else. But if Jesus does share in God's name and the Glory of His name, He Himself must be God lest we make him out to be a false god. **So how does the Bible use the Name of Jesus?**
 - b. Purpose: In this lesson we will see the way the New Testament uses the Name of Jesus that indicates Jesus Christ is God.
 - c. The Meaning of the Name "Jesus"
 - i. The name "Jesus" in its Hebrew roots means "Yahweh saves."
 - ii. It might not seem significant that Jesus Himself is Yahweh as there are other people who are also named Jesus.
 - iii. But the angel who announced the birth of Jesus to Mary was the one who draw the significance of Jesus being Yahweh Himself: "*She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for ^[w]He will save His people from their sins*" **(Matthew 1:21)**
 1. Notice the Son will be literally named "Yahweh Saves."
 2. Yet this verse mentioned that Jesus is the "*He*" who "*will save His people from their sins*"
 - d. Importance of Jesus' Name
 - i. Baptism done in Jesus' Name
 1. The Name we baptize people is Trinitarian: "*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,*" **(Matthew 28:19)**
 - a. Recall how God's Name and the glory of it is not to be shared with another lest we make the other God; yet here we see baptism is to be done in "*the name of the Father*" alongside that of "*the Son and the Holy Spirit,*"
 - b. Thus this verse shows that Jesus' name is at the same level as with God the Father.
 2. Other verses in which baptism is done in Jesus' name: **Acts 2:38, 8:16, 10:48, 19:5, 22:16.**
 - ii. The Exaltation of Jesus' Name: "*far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.*" **(Ephesians 1:21)**
 1. This is in reference to Christ as indicated by the mention of Christ in the verse before this.
 2. Note Jesus is above "*every name that is named,*"
 3. This truth is for a long time: "*not only in this age but also in the one to come.*"
 - iii. Doing everything for Jesus' Name: "*Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.*" **(Colossians 3:17)**
 1. Note the name is that of Christ.
 2. It is through Jesus name we do all our deeds.
 3. It is for God the Father.

4. But in **Colossians 3:23** we read “*Whatever you do, do your work ^[w]heartily, as for the Lord^[s] rather than for men,*”
 5. Who is the Lord here specifically referring to? The next verse makes it clear: “*It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.*” (**Colossians 3:24b**)
 6. Later in this session we will go over in more details of the significance of Jesus being called Lord. For now we want to make the observation that we are to do everything for Jesus’ Name in the same manner we are to do all things for God the Father.
- e. Power of Jesus’ Name
- i. Demons are subject under His Name (**Luke 10:17, Mark 9:38-39, Acts 16:18**)
 - ii. Jesus’ Name is capable of healing (**Acts 3:6, 3:16, 4:10, 4:30**)
 - iii. Jesus’ Name has power for Salvation
 1. **Acts 4:12**= “*And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.*”
 2. **Romans 10:13**= “*for ‘WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.’*”
 - a. Here in the context of **verses 9-12** it is in reference to Jesus.
 - b. This verse also echoes **Joel 2:32** in which it is Yahweh God who saves.
 3. Other verses: **Luke 24:47, 1 John 2:12, Acts 10:43**