

The Name of Jesus; Philippians 2:9-11

- I. What is in a name
 - a. God changes names
 - i. Abram to Abraham
 - ii. Genesis 17:1–5 (ESV) ¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ² that I may make my covenant between me and you and may multiply you greatly.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.
 - iii. Sarai to Sarah
 - iv. Genesis 17:15–16 (ESV) ¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”
 - v. Jacob to Israel
 - vi. Genesis 32:28 (ESV) ²⁸ Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.”
 - b. Names have meanings
 - i. Abram is “exalted father,” Abraham is “father of many”
 - ii. Sarai is “princess,” Sarah is “noblewoman”
 - iii. Jacob is “one who trips up, deceives, supplanter,” Israel is “triumphant with God, wrestles with God”
 - iv. God changed their name to fit their character
 - v. Evan is a popular Welsh name meaning “the Lord is gracious.” It is a version of the English name, “John”
- II. Jesus
 - a. Matthew 1:21–23 (ESV) ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).
 - b. These two names have meaning as well
 - i. Jesus means “God is salvation” telling us exactly who Jesus is and what He is here to accomplish
 - ii. Immanuel means “God with us,” Again telling us exactly who Jesus is
 - iii. Isaiah gives us even more names
 - iv. Isaiah 9:6 (ESV) ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 - v. These are descriptive names giving us His identity and purpose
 - c. Our text in Philippians is the result of Paul encouraging them to be like Jesus

- i. Philippians 2:1–11
 - ii. The end of chapter 1, Paul is talking about his and their suffering for Jesus
 - iii. Because of this suffering, Paul wants them to be unified
 - 1. They are engaged in the same conflict (chapter 1:30)
 - 2. They are to have the same love, the same soul (the literal meaning of full accord, 'one-souled'), the same mind (one mind, "to think thus")
 - 3. The example of this 'sameness' comes from God with Us, God is our Salvation
 - iv. "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus"
 - d. The very character of Jesus, "He humbled Himself by becoming obedient"
- III. Obedient
 - a. We often question this idea of obedience
 - i. "Do I really have to _____?"
 - ii. "Surely Jesus doesn't mean that"
 - iii. "Doesn't God want me to be happy?"
 - b. Our 'old man' (person) is crucified in our immersion and we come up a 'new creation'
 - i. We stop doing things according to our own will or desire
 - ii. We live for Jesus
 - iii. Romans 6:17–18 (ESV) ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.
 - iv. The Greek word is bondsman, one who has sold himself into slavery because of his indebtedness
 - v. Slaves are obedient to their masters
 - c. "To the point of death, even death on a cross"
 - d. The very character of Jesus is obedience (I know it sounds kind of odd since He is God)
 - i. John 8:28 (ESV) ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.
 - ii. John 14:10 (ESV) ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
 - iii. John 5:30 (ESV) ³⁰ "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.
 - e. We are called to follow his example
 - i. His example of suffering
 - ii. 1 Peter 2:21 (ESV) ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.
 - iii. His example of service

- iv. Jesus washes the disciples' feet in John 13:3ff and says in verse 15, "I have given you an example, that you should also do just as I have done to you."
- v. His example of love
- vi. Mark 14:32-39
- vii. Matthew records that after Peter cut off Malchus' ear Jesus tells him, "Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?"
 - 1. A legion (in the time of Augustus) was about 5000 - 6000 soldiers
 - 2. That is "more than" 60,000 - 72,000 angels
 - 3. I would remind you that one angel killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in 2 Kings 19:35

f. Are we obedient, "to the point of death"?

IV. Christian

- a. Followers of Christ
- b. Imitators of Christ
- c. This is the name we call ourselves (those who profess to follow Christ)
 - i. This name defines who we are
 - ii. This name defines our very character
- d. Have we submitted ourselves to the Father's will just as Jesus did?
- e. Are we suffering for Jesus?
- f. Are we loving like Jesus?