

"WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

Isaiah 9:66- And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



One of the things that all people and places have in common is (NAMES). Have you ever asked yourself, "What does my name mean?" Most people have some idea of their name meaning or where their name came from. The word "name" is defined as: a word or set of words by which a person, animal, place, or thing is known, addressed, or referred to. The power of a name and its value has long been immortalized in prose, poetry, and religious ceremony. Everyone recognizes himself or herself by name. The question is: how does a name influence a person's character?

In this passage of scripture, Joseph and Mary were told exactly what to name the long-awaited Messiah. There is no one else in bible days or even today whose name exudes power and majesty other than the name of Jesus. For at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow and every tongue must confess that He is Lord! Can you imagine receiving such a precious gift that at the mention of His name, even demons tremble? There is something so powerfully amazing in that name. Let's examine some scriptures which refer to him by other names: (Matthew 1:21) - And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. (Isaiah 7:14) - Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Luke 1:35) - The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." (Matthew 1:21) - And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:23) - "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us". (Luke 2:11) - For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Matthew 2:2) - saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." So what's in a name?

Notice if you will all the different names that refer to that special gift that God gave to the world and the purpose for which He came to this earth. How you address someone is demonstrative of the type of relationship you have with that person. If you do not know an individual, you are always very formal. If you know them in a social setting, you are less informal. But if you a close/personal friend or family member, you may even address that person by a pet name or a nick name. Am I right? Let me ask you today, "What is the relationship you have with the Son of God?" You might call Him Savior, Prince of Peace, Son of God, Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Christ, only begotten son, Jesus, Immanuel, Holy One, King, or True Light.

During this Christmas season, as we gather together with family and friends, we will be celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Jesus is the reason for the season. And there is definitely no Christmas without Christ. So I ask again, "What's in a name?" Well, it is only by the name of Jesus that all of your needs are met and that the void in your life is filled. It is only by the precious name of Jesus that we can experience healing, deliverance and liberty! It is only by the name of Jesus that our prayers are presented to God the Father. It is only in the name of Jesus that we have power in this present darkness to triumph over our enemy! And it is only the name Jesus that we are to bless from the rising of the sun until the going down of the same. He is our Savior and Lord.

Understand people of God, that we are so privileged to be able to share this precious gift with those who do not know to call upon that wonderful name. It is our right and our responsibility to lift that name so that all men may be drawn unto Him! Oh how precious is that name. What a gift! What a privilege! What an honor to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior and to cherish and respect that majestic, marvelous and mighty Name of Jesus! There's something about the name Jesus! Merry Christmas to you and your family!

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