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“Holding forth the word of life” Phil. 2:16

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THE WONDERFUL NAME OF JESUS

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). There are many titles of our Lord in the scriptures. In creation He is God (“Elohim”) (Gen. 1:1). In revealing Himself to man, He is the eternal “I Am.”

The song writer said, “There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; It sounds like music in mine ear, The sweetest name on earth. It tells me of a Saviour’s love, who died to set me free; It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner’s perfect plea.”

In Exodus 33:18 Moses said unto the Lord, “I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee...” “And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the Name of the Lord” (Exodus 34:5). God “proclaimed” or preached His name to Moses. In proclaiming His name, God revealed to Moses that God is “merciful and gracious, long suffering, abundant in goodness and truth” (Exodus 34:6).

When we come to the New Testament, God reveals Himself to man in the person of His Son, the Lord

Jesus Christ. “They shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Matt. 1:23b). Yes, God came to be with us in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. “And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21). The name Jesus means Saviour. The Saviour died on the cross to satisfy the holiness and righteousness of God. He was buried and raised from the grave. “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name” (John 1:12).

As the resurrected Lord, God has “given him a name which is above every name” (Phil. 2:9). We need to publish His name (Deut. 32:3), declare His name (Ex. 9:16; Luke 24:47), bless His name (Deut. 21:5), magnify His name (1 Chron. 17:24), honor His name (Psa. 66:2), reverence His name (Psa. 111:9), believe on His name (John 1:12), receive life through His name (John 20:31), and suffer for His name’s sake (Acts 5:41).

We also need to observe the merits of His name because He has a saving name, an exalted name, an abiding name, a wonderful name, a ruling name, a holy name, an eternal name, a hallowed name, a victo-

rious name, a glorious name, an excellent name, an enduring name, a good name and a forgiving name. May all the honor and glory go to the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Prince of Peace, the Mighty God, the Wonderful Counsellor, the Holy One, the Lamb of God, the Prince of Life, the Lord God Almighty, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, the Word of Life, the Author and Finisher of our faith, our Advocate, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, the Dayspring from on High, the I Am, the Son of God, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, the Messiah, the Saviour, the Chief Cornerstone, the Light of the World, the Head of the Church, the Morning Star, the Righteous Judge, and the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Son of Righteousness, the Good Shepherd, the Great Shepherd, and the Chief Shepherd. He is the Resurrection and the Life, the Horn of Salvation, and the Alpha and Omega.

Do you agree that the name of Jesus is wonderful? He is wonderful as Saviour because He came into the world to save the believing sinner through His sacrificial death on the cross, His burial, and His resurrection from the grave. He is a wonderful Shepherd who leads His dear children.

- Gladwin Carpenter

LEAVING OUR FIRST LOVE

“Thou hast left thy first love” (Revelation 2:4)

Is this a charge that could be brought you? Has your love waned for the one who redeemed you to God by His own blood? Has your love gone cold toward the one who suffered for you on the cross, the one who bore your sin, guilt and punishment? Does the preaching of the gospel of Christ no longer excite you or move you? Do you now take for granted and carelessly treat the one who daily loads you with benefits and makes intercession for you that your faith fail not?

You once loved Him warmly, adored Him, stood in awe of His mighty works, espoused His cause freely and fearlessly proclaimed His name. Your worship was joyous and His service a blessed privilege. You considered nothing too valuable for Him. You longed to know Him more intimately, to follow Him more closely. You rejoiced in the preaching of His death, burial, and

resurrection according to the Scriptures. You believed that He died the innocent in the place of the guilty and that it was His blood and righteousness which saved you.

What has come between you and your Lord? Have temporal things now claimed your affections? Have the cares of this world caused your love to slip? Do job, family and pleasure now mean more to you than your Savior? Do position, wealth and friends mean more to you than His love? What sin has robbed you of heavenly pleasures and heavenly reward? Your redeemer longs for your love and prizes your fellowship. Why will you grieve His heart?

Remember from where you are fallen and do your first works (Revelation 2:5). Claim your place at His table of blessings. Begin each day with His Word and with prayer. Confess your sin and coldness to

Him. Store His Word in your heart. Worship Him every opportunity. Praise His matchless name. Thank Him for every blessing, particularly the gift of salvation. Meditate on His redemption, His resurrection, His power, His goodness, your justification, and your future with Him. Do not neglect these opportunities. Draw near to Him and He will draw near to you. Hear and heed His words. Tell someone else the good news of Christ. And in due time you will discover again the greatness of His work and person, that at His right hand there are pleasures evermore (Psalms 16:12) and He will give you the desires of your heart (Psalms 37:4). Do not accept the world's cheap substitutes. May your cry ever be “More love oh Christ for thee.”

- Larry Windham

THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE

The veil of the temple leading to the Holy of Holies was a type of Christ. When the work of redemption was completed by our Savior on the cross and He cried “it is finished,” the veil which had before blocked the entrance of all except the High Priest into God's presence was torn from the top to the bottom (Matt. 27:51).

The torn veil now opened the way of salvation for all to come to God by Christ (Heb. 10:19-21). It is torn from top to bottom signifying

that “Salvation is of the Lord” (Jonah 2:9). It is God coming down to man, not man coming up to God. The rending of the veil makes it possible for any believer to enter into the presence of God through the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible says that we as believers are now “a kingdom of priests.” The priesthood of the believer assures us that we can come boldly before the throne of grace and find help and mercy in our time of need (Heb. 10:19,20; 4:12-16; 1 Peter 2:5; Rev. 1:6). The

rending of the veil also signified that the separation between Jews and Gentiles was now abolished. Both Jew and Gentile can come together in the Church Jesus established while He was here upon the earth (Ephesians 2:13-48). There will never need to be another sacrifice offered to roll sins forward. Christ has made a once and for all sacrifice to purchase eternal redemption for us.

- Larry Windham

HE IS WITH US

“Behold, God himself is with us” (2 Chronicles 13:12)

What encouragement it gives to the Christian to know that God Himself is with him. King Abijah of Judah went out to war with Jeroboam and Israel and as he went he trusted in the Word of the Lord and claimed the promises God made to Abraham, Moses, and David. How trust in God and His Word gives us confidence and strength for the battles we face! They were victorious though Jeroboam's army was twice the size of that of King Abijah's army. Dear believer, the Lord will not only give His angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways, but He Himself is with us. If God Himself is with us how careful we should be in our conduct. Every sin is committed in His presence and under his watchful eye. How we

should not fall for the worlds lie, “What happens in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas.” How this conduct compounds the guilt of our sins. As believers God is with us and we must live in his presence day by day.

If God is with us, and no one is so near to us as God is, how unnecessary are our fears of man and the world. If God is with us, can an enemy be too cunning or too powerful for Him? Do any circumstances take Him by surprise? Never! Impossible! We only get ourselves in trouble if we neglect His Word and fail to claim His promises.

Take heart dear believer, God is with us this day in every moment. He will hear every word we speak,

witness every sin we commit, listen to every prayer we utter and complete the work which He has begun in us (Philippians 1:5). He will be with us in every circumstance and in every trial. Even if He must chasten us, it is for our good to teach us to love righteousness and hate iniquity, to teach us to depend on Him and not on ourselves. But He will not leave us nor forsake us. There is victory in Jesus to all who believe the gospel of how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Believe it dear believer! God Himself is with us!

- Larry Windham

A MOMENT WITH THE WORD

“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.” Romans 8:24, 25

The believer does not have to hope that he is saved. We have “*an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.*” Hebrews 6:19

When we trusted the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross we were “born again” into the family of God, and received eternal life as a gift of God's grace. Not only have we been saved from eternal condemnation, but we have been saved to eternal glory. Let us walk, work and live “*with eternity's values in view.*” “*Let us wait with patience.*” Vs. 25

Remember that salvation is not a mere “one tense” affair, but rather ours is a “three tense” salvation.

It is a Salvation Past - Salvation Present - Salvation Future.

Salvation Past -
Deliverance from the Penalty of Sin

Salvation Present -
Deliverance from the Power of Sin

Salvation Future -
Deliverance from the Presence of Sin

Salvation Past -
Christ on the Cross

Salvation Present -
Christ at the Father's Right Hand

Salvation Future -
Christ coming again

Salvation Past -
Christ as Prophet

Salvation Present -
Christ as Priest

Salvation Future -
Christ as King

Salvation Past -
“Christ hath appeared”

Hebrews 9:26

Salvation Present -
“Christ doth now appear”

Hebrews 9:24

Salvation Future -
“Christ shall yet appear”

Hebrews 9:28

Every true believer can say:

“I have been saved for all eternity.”

“I am now being saved moment by moment.”

“I shall yet be saved when Jesus Comes again.”

My prayer is that every person reading these words has trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and you are trusting completely in the finished work of Christ on the Cross of Calvary. He was buried for you, and lives for you, and that you are not trusting in anything you did or will do to save you.

- Jack Maroon

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The Northeast MS Baptist Bible Conference will meet on Monday evening, August 21, 2006. Services begin at 6:55 p.m. Studies for the evening will be in the book of Matthew.

The North Central MS Baptist Bible Conference will begin on Tuesday morning, August 22 at 10:00 a.m. with speakers morning and afternoon. Lunch will be served at the church at 12:00 noon.

Studies for the day will also be in the book of Matthew.

Bro. Larry Windham and Calvary Baptist Church invite you to this time of worship and Bible study.

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WHOSOEVER EXALTETH HIMSELF

The scriptures tell us that whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased (Luke 4:11). It would do all of us good to learn humility before God and others. For the Scriptures remind us that if we would rise high we must stoop low, for before honor is humility. We are all prone to exalt ourselves and to justify ourselves in doing so. There is much pride remaining in our hearts, and it often lies hidden under our most humiliating expressions. We need to be stripped daily, to be emptied from vessel to vessel, for if not, self will soon puff itself up. Every Christian should aim to exalt God, to honor the Lord Jesus Christ, and to leave his own reputation in the Savior's hands. Honor follows the humble like his shadow, but flees from the proud. Pride must and will be abased. Every doctrine of the Gospel and the Word is opposed to our pride. If we lift ourselves up in pride, we can rest assured that God will bring us low. May we be clothed with humility.

- Larry Windham

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