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"...And now I say unto you, refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work is of men, it will come to nothing: <u>But if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it</u>; lest you be found even to be fighting against God. And to him they agreed; and when they had called the apostles, **and beaten them**, <u>they commanded that they should not speak in **the name of** <u>Jesus</u>, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, <u>rejoicing that they</u> were counted worthy to suffer shame for <u>the Name</u>. And daily in the Temple, and <u>in every</u> house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." (Acts 5:38-<u>41</u>-42)</u>

"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated for the gospel of God, which He had promised beforehand by His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ <u>our Lord</u>, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh; and was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, through whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, on behalf of <u>the Name of Him (Jesus)!</u>" (Romans 1:1-5)

"The elder unto the beloved Gaius, whom I love in the Truth. Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in good-health, even as your soul prospers. For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testfied of the <u>Truth</u> that is in you, even as you walk in the <u>Truth</u>. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in <u>Truth</u>. Beloved, you are doing faithfully in whatever you are doing for the brethren, and to strangers; who have borne witness of your love before the church; of whom if you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will have done well. Because, for the sake of <u>the Name</u> they went forth, accepting nothing of the Gentiles. We, therefore, ought to receive such men, that we might be fellow helpers to the Truth." (3 John 1:1-<u>7</u>-8)

Name: from the Greek word <u>**Onomatos**</u> which means: Name, from **onoma** which means: a name, such as the name of a person or place; also by implication <u>the character</u>, <u>or fame</u>, <u>or reputation</u>, <u>or authority of a person</u>. In context: being <u>par excellence</u> - the best of a kind: the <u>Name</u> above all names!

This title 'The Name' is used for Jesus with the same degree of reverence that title LORD is used, instead, for the Name of God: Jehovah. This title speaks of the Devine character, fame, reputation, power, and authority of Jesus. It is a post resurrection title used to express salvation faith in the Divine nature of Christ Jesus, and His Oneness with the Father.

Consider these verses:

"... And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, You men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? And why do you look so earnestly at us, as though by our own power or holiness we have made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has **glorfied** His Son Jesus; whom you delivered up, and denied Him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him (Jesus) go. But you denied the <u>Holy and Just One</u>, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; and killed the <u>Prince of Life</u>, whom God has raised from the dead; of which we are witnesses. And upon the faith in <u>the Name</u> of Him (Jesus), this man whom you see and know, is made strong. The <u>name</u> of Him, and the faith <u>which is through Him</u> has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all." (Acts 3:12-16)

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many who were possessed with them; and many who were paralyzed, and who were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. ... But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God, and **the Name** of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." (Acts 8:5-<u>12</u>)

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"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, 'Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. But in every nation he who fears Him, and works righteousness, is accepted by Him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ; He is Lord of all; that word, I say, you know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. And who went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for <u>God was with Him</u>. And we are witnesses of all the things which He did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree. And <u>Him</u> God raised up the third day, and showed Him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen beforehand by God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained of God to be the Judge of the living and dead. To Him give all the prophets witness, that through <u>the Name</u> of Him (Jesus), whoever believes in Him <u>shall receive forgiveness of sins</u>." (Acts 10:34-43)

"And when they (the elders of Israel) had set them (Peter & John)) in their midst, they asked, 'By what power, or by what <u>name</u>, have you done this?' Then Peter, <u>filled with the Holy Spirit</u>, said unto them, 'You rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, if we this day are on trial for the good deed done to the lame man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in <u>the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth</u>, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him (by Jesus) does this man stand here before you <u>whole</u>. <u>This-One</u> (Jesus) is the 'stone which was rejected by you the builders, which is become the tChief Cornerstone.' (quoted from Psalm 118:22). Nor is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, by which we must be saved.' " (Acts 4:7-12)

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being <u>in the form of God</u>, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, <u>He humbled Himself</u>, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has <u>highly exalted Him</u>, and given Him a <u>Name</u> which is above every name: That at <u>the Name</u> of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things on earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!" (Phill. 2:5-11)

Jesus is ...

the Name!

He is the Name which is above all names! He is the only Name under heaven in whom <u>we</u> must be saved! At the Name of Jesus every person shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

> In His Name <u>we</u> are saved! In His Name <u>we</u> are baptized! In His Name <u>we</u> share the Good News of Jesus the Christ! In His Name <u>we</u> joyfully suffer persecution and shame!

Let all be to the Glory of God the Father, and His Beloved Son Jesus!

Jesus YOU are the Name in whom I Trust! Always, and always! Forever and ever! Amen and Amen!