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“That at the Name of Jesus, every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:10-11 (NASB)

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LESSON I

Jesus - There Is No Other

“That at the Name of Jesus” Philippians 2:10a

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William Shakespeare once asked the question, “What’s in a name?” A fine question indeed. Upon hearing someone’s name we automatically run through a mental checklist. A name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning, hearing and remembering the name. If you know the person well, the name may trigger their appearance or the last conversation that took place between you. But most likely you will recall emotions or feelings. If you recall a loved one, you remember how much they love, encourage and stand by you. You may even recall the last argument you had with that loved one and wish you could take back rash or harsh words. That loved one’s name may stir up protective feelings as you rush to defend them when others are unkind. A name is a powerful thing. It can evoke volatile responses of anger or even hatred. Think of how a mother feels who hears the name of the convicted criminal who abused and took her daughter’s life. Or how a father feels when he hears the name of the drunk driver who took his son’s life in a car accident.

A name can also evoke powerful feelings of love and self-sacrifice. Think of how an adopted child feels who hears the names of the parents who adopted, loved and cared for him when no one else would. Think of how you would feel upon noticing that your child has wandered into the middle of a busy freeway. Love would carry your feet from safety into harm’s way as you do whatever it takes to get that child back to safety. Jesus did that for you and me. He looked down from heaven and saw us standing in the middle of a deadly freeway called sin. His great love for us brought Him down from heaven and into harm’s way to do whatever it took to get us home safely. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—there’s no sweeter name in any language! The name of our Lord has moved millions to risk their lives to tell others the story about His saving work on the cross and subsequent resurrection—about how He descended from heaven, became a servant, was persecuted, crucified, died, was buried, rose again and went to prepare a place for us with Him.

But, as Paul Harvey used to say, “And now, the rest of the story.” Our Lord is coming back. He will gather those who acknowledged Him as Lord and Savior to rule and reign with Him for the rest of eternity. So, what’s in a name? HIS name is Mighty Warrior, Redeemer, King of kings, Lord of lords, Savior, and the lover of our souls. His name is above every name. Jesus - there is no other.

Take a moment to write out Philippians 2:10-11:



Now read these verses aloud. These are our memory verses for this month. I encourage you to write them on index cards and place them in various locations where you spend the most time.

In this first week, we are studying Philippians 2:10a, which states: *“That at the Name of Jesus.”* The name “Jesus” is just like any other given name such as Joseph, Joshua, Paul or John. Jesus is the transliteration of the Hebrew name “Joshua” meaning Yahweh is Salvation. It was a common name among the Jews. It’s not just the name Jesus that we revere, but the name Jesus tied into the person of Christ—Jesus Christ the Lord. It is not new to God, but new to us. In light of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, the name of Jesus will never again be seen or heard in the same way. Jesus Christ our Lord who is victorious over all the enemies, purchased people from every tribe and tongue and nation, and took the nails that we couldn’t to redeem us from the depths of sin and eternal damnation. On the incredible day of Jesus’ return, this exalted Name will be sounded with authority around the world. How do you see that in the following verses?

Matthew 28:18 _____

Acts 2:33 _____

He will not return as a helpless babe in rural anonymity. He will return as a Rider called Faithful and True seated on a white horse, whose eyes are like blazing fire, wearing many crowns and a robe dipped in blood on which is written “King of kings and Lord of lords,” followed by the armies of heaven. (Revelation 19:11-14) We need to pause to let that sink in. Try to imagine that jaw-dropping scene. Armageddon. How would you react? Would you be frozen in fear or moved to worship?

His Name consists of honor, dignity and power. His title of dignity stands above all creatures, men and angels. “At the Name of Jesus” does not represent the sound of the word, but the authority of Jesus. What does God reveal to us in Isaiah 45:22-23? _____

Paul refers to this passage from Isaiah in Philippians 2:10-11. Significantly, it most strongly emphasizes the sole authority of God.

Many scholars believe that Philippians 2:6-11 was an early Christian hymn, perhaps modified by Paul, and often referred to as “the hymn of Christ.” Paul depicts Jesus’ example of service in a stirring poem that traces His preexistence, incarnation, death, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God.

Language scholars note that these verses in the original Greek have some clear indication of poetic structure, lending some to believe that this is a pre-Pauline hymn adapted by Paul. It is just as likely, however, that Paul composed the hymn for this setting.

The name given to Jesus is a wonderful name. What names do you see our Lord called in these verses?

Isaiah 9:6 _____

Luke 1:31 _____

“Christ” means “Anointed One,” and this promised Anointed One is identified in the whole person of Christ. So, what’s in a name? One name far surpasses all others - our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In His name we find salvation, redemption, healing, unconditional love, and mighty strength. The name of Jesus is unparalleled. Our Lord doesn’t merely represent a get out of hell free card. He loved you enough to take your place on the cross. He loves you more than you can possibly imagine. His Name is Wonderful. Jesus — there is no other.

Let’s review our Bible memory verses for this month. Write out Philippians 2:10-11 once more:



It is only fitting that we close this lesson with the words of John Newton’s early Christian hymn, “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds.” May his words richly bless you today:

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart’s unrest;
It’s manna to the hungry soul and to the weary rest.
Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place;
My never failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.

Close with prayer:

✠ *Father, Thank You so much for sending Your Son to redeem me from the pit. As I live out each day, help me to honor and revere my Lord and Savior, so that others are drawn to You. Remind me each and every day that there is no sweeter Name than Jesus. In His Name, Amen.* ✠

We pray that you were led closer to the Lord as
you studied the amazing Name of Jesus
through Lesson 1 of “*Every Knee Will Bow*.”

The complete four-lesson Bible study
is available on our website at:
www.artesianministries.org.

Simply click on the **STORE** tab.
You will receive the complete study via email
in PDF format within 48 hours to download for
your personal use or in a small group setting.

The complete study contains
four full lessons based on Philippians 2:10-11.

Blessings to you as you draw closer
to God through His Word and prayer.
It is our great privilege to serve you.



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