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May God bless you!

is, is of vital importance for the greatest of all revelations is the supreme deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the mystery of God revealed. In the revelation of Jesus Christ is also the mystery of His Church, and every other subsequent unfolding revelation of God. In fact, the entire revelation of God is encapsulated in the person Christ Jesus because in Him, God was revealed to mankind.

The God of Unfolding Revelation

All through the Bible, God revealed Himself in an unfolding and progressive revelation. He revealed Himself as “God Above Us” as He led Israel with a Pillar of Fire. In this same manner, God revealed His Word to the prophets in the Old Testament and they knew Him as LORD God, who created the Heavens and the earth.

Genesis 2:4. These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the **LORD God** made the earth and the heavens,

In the King James Version of the Bible, there is always the capitalization of all the letters of the name LORD when referring to Jehovah.

Scofield’s Commentary states in reference to this verse in Genesis 2:4: The primary meaning of the name LORD (Jehovah) is the “self-existent One”. Literally (as in Ex 3:14), “He that is who He is, therefore the eternal I AM:”

But Havah, from which Jehovah, or Yahwe, is formed, signifies also “to become,” that is, to become known, thus pointing to a continuous and increasing self-revelation. The name Jehovah then would mean “the self-existent One who reveals Himself.”

In God’s continuous unfolding revelation He is first known to Abram as LORD (Jehovah) and was called by that Name.

Genesis 12:1 Now the **LORD** had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto

a land that I will shew thee:
It was the name Jehovah that Abram called upon as He worshipped.

Genesis 12:8. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the **LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.**

Later in His unfolding revelation in Genesis 14:18, there is the mysterious appearance of Melchizedek, the priest of the most high God and King of Salem (King of Peace). The book of Hebrews speaks of this Melchizedek as one without beginning of days or ending of life. He was the high priest unto God continually. He was the Eternal One for only in God dwells immortality. (1 Timothy 6:16) Melchizedek foreshadowed the coming of Jesus Christ who became our High Priest and is the King of Saints.

In the Old Testament, the king was to come from the lineage of Judah, and the priesthood was to be of the lineage of Levi. A king in Israel was not permitted to perform the duties of a priest. (2 Chronicles 26:18-19) Neither was a Levite allowed to be king, for the king was to be of the lineage of David from the tribe of Judah. However, Melchizedek was both King and Priest. Jesus was of the same priestly order of Melchizedek, for He is the true King and our intercessor.

Revealed as Almighty God

In Genesis 17:1, God revealed Himself again to Abram, but this time as El Shaddai. This was not another person nor another god, but rather another unfolding of revelation of the same Person.

Genesis 17:1. And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD (Jehovah) appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. Almighty in the Hebrew is translated from the word Shadday and means: almighty, most powerful.

Luke 24:45. In Jesus was all truth (Eph. 4:21) and there was NO contradiction between Him and the disciples. The disciples had truth because they were filled with the Holy Spirit. No one was ever baptized in the titles Father, Son, Holy Ghost until the doctrine of the trinity was developed by the Catholic Church. The name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19) is **Lord Jesus Christ!**

Credits

Excerpts from sermons by William Branham have been used in this pamphlet. These sermons are available online by visiting www.messagehub.info or www.branham.org.

Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion – Volume 2, page 377-378, Volume 2, pg 389

Christian Baptism was administered using the words "in the Name of Jesus." The use of a Trinity formula of any sort was not suggested in the early Church history. Baptism was always in the Name of the Lord Jesus until the time of Justin Martyr when Triune Formula was used.

Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion – Volume 2, Page 377 on Acts 2:38

Name was an ancient synonym for "Person." Payment was always made in name of some person referring to ownership. Therefore one being baptized in Jesus Name became His personal property. "Ye are Christ's."

New International Encyclopedia – Volume 22, Page 477

The term "Trinity" was originated by...Tertullian, a Roman Catholic Church Father."

Tyndale New Testament Commentaries

The true explanation why the early church did not at once administer baptism in the threefold name is that the words of Mat 28:19 were not meant as a baptismal formula. [Jesus] was not giving instructions about the actual words to be used in the service of baptism, but, as has already been suggested, was indicating that the baptized person would by baptism pass into the possession of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost."

The Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics - James Hastings, p.384

"There is no evidence [in early church history] for the use of the triune name." Rev. Steve Winter

Baptism in strictly "Jesus" name only is undistinguishable; there are many Jesues in Mexico, Latin America, etc. Just as baptism in the TITLES "Father, Son, Holy Ghost" is indistinguishable, because there isn't any power in titles or the disciples and apostles would have used it. Jesus opened their understanding to the Scriptures in

Regardless of what form or name that God revealed Himself to Abraham, Abraham knew there was but one God. In all of these various manifestations, whether it was as Jehovah, Melchizedek or as in the case of Genesis 17, El Shaddai, the

Almighty God there were never three different gods or persons or multiple deities in the mind of Abraham. He knew it was the same God revealing Himself in a different manifestation.

The Importance Of The Name

In each of the appearances and unfolding revelations of God to Abraham, He was revealed in a new name. In these appearances, God would unfold the revelation of His Name. The name by which He was called revealed an aspect of the nature of God, whether it was the priest-king as Melchizedek, or El Shaddai (who is the Almighty God), or Jehovah (the Self Existing one), or Elohim. No matter what manifestation He revealed Himself in, it was only one God. The name was expressing the revelation of what He was doing at that time.

When God reveals Himself by a new name, the meaning of the name contains the message concerning what He is about to do. The name of God always reveals who He is and what He is. This is what God did when He spoke His word to Moses. In His message to Moses, God revealed His Name and encapsulated in His name was a message expressing what He was going to accomplish at that time as He brought deliverance to the children of Israel.

There is something that seems rather unusual in Exodus 6:1-8. If you are not careful, you will miss its meaning. Notice how many times in the following passage that God declares what He is going to do and by what name He is going to express Himself. He wants Israel to know that in His name is deliverance. Exodus 6:1. Then the Lord said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. 2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the **LORD**:

(He is declaring Himself, "I am Jehovah.")

In Exodus 6:3 is where it becomes rather unusual. And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty (El Shadai), but by my name **JEHOVAH** was I not known to them.

God is saying, "I have appeared in the past to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but this time I am going to reveal myself to them by the name **JEHOVAH**."

Exodus 6:4. And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. 5. And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. Notice how many times God says "I am the LORD" (4 times), "I will" (8 times), "I have" (3). In these 8 verses, God uses the personal pronoun "I" eighteen times. He is making it clear to them that the LORD is going to reveal something about Himself that they have not seen or realized before."

Exodus 6:6. Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, [JEHOVAH] and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: 7. And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the Lord [JEHOVAH] your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8. And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD. [JEHOVAH].

Note in Exodus 6:3 the words God spoke to Moses regarding His name. And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty (El Shadai), but by my name **JEHOVAH** was I not known to them.

Abraham in his time had called on the name Jehovah, but he didn't know the full significance of that name. He didn't know God as the

preached (Gal. 1: 6-12). Paul was also filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 9:17, Acts 13:9), the truth of Christ was inside him (2 Cor. 11:10) and re-baptized believers in the name Lord Jesus (Acts 19:3-5).

Both men were filled with the Holy Ghost, and we know the Holy Spirit can't be wrong! The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth and guides us into truth, teaching us all things! (St. John 14:26, 15:26, 16:13). The Holy Spirit taught Peter and Paul the same baptism that couldn't be wrong—Lord Jesus Christ!

Baptism In Jesus Name (According To History)

Britanica Encyclopedia – 11th Edition. Volume 3, Page 356 – 366

The Baptismal formula was changed from the Name of Jesus Christ to the words Father, Son and Holy Ghost by the Catholic Church in the Third Century.

Britanica Encyclopedia – Volume 3, Page 82

Everywhere in the oldest sources, it states that Baptism took place in the name of Jesus Christ.

Canney Encyclopedia of Religion – Page 53

The early Church always baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus until development of the Trinity Doctrine in the 3rd century.

Catholic Encyclopedia – Volume 2, Page 263

Here the Catholics acknowledged that Baptism was changed by the Catholic Church.

Dictionary of the Bible by Scripture – Volume 1, Page 241

The original form of words were into the name of Jesus Christ, or Lord Jesus. Baptism into the Trinity was a later development.

No Other Name For Salvation (Acts 4:10-12)

There is none other Name under Heaven whereby we must be saved.

Saved by Baptism (1 Peter 3:21)

Baptism doth also now save us. The answer (response) of a good (repented) conscience toward God.

The above Scriptures are not given to refute Matthew 28:19, where Jesus told the Apostles to baptize in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. They merely show how the Command was Interpreted and obeyed by them.

The Apostles knew what most religious leaders fail to recognize. First: That the Lord Jesus Christ is the Family Name (Eph 3:15). Second: That the Fullness of the Godhead (Deity or God) dwelleth bodily in Christ (Col 2:9). Third: That baptism must be performed in the name of the one crucified (1 Cor 1:3).

They knew the name of the Son was Jesus (Mat 1:21). They knew that the Son came in the Father's Name (John 5:43). They also knew that the Holy Ghost was the Spirit of Christ and would come in Jesus Name (John 14:26).

The Name Jesus means Jehovah Salvation (Faussets Bible Encyclopedia pg 359).

Were the disciples wrong when baptizing in Lord Jesus Christ and not Father, Son, Holy Ghost?

Peter was given the keys of the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 16:19) by Jesus, filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:4), then commanded everyone to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38,39). Peter also said that God had made Jesus both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36).

Paul preached the gospel of Christ (Romans 15:29, 2 Cor. 2:12) and cursed anyone who preached a different gospel than he

God of deliverance. When God delivered Israel from Egypt, they were going to know Him in a new way, in a way that the name had never been expressed before. He would show Himself as Jehovah the Deliverer.

God was literally saying to Moses, "I have come down to reveal My Name in a manner greater than what I have in the past for I am going to make my name JEHOVAH known to you with a greater depth of meaning than what it was known to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. You are going to know Me as Deliverer. In this passage, He repeatedly reassures Moses saying, "I will, I will, I will; this is what I will do."

God reveals His nature and character progressively through the scriptures to mankind by often expressing a new name. For example, when God provided a ram for Abraham to sacrifice, He was expressing Himself as Jehovah-Jireh, the

God who provides. Upon that mountain, Abraham saw depths of the name Jehovah that had not been revealed before.

When people wanted to know more about God Himself, they sought to know His name. This is why Moses said, "Who am I going to tell them is sending me?" He says, "I, Jehovah, I that I am who I am, the Self-Existing One is sending you. I will reveal Myself as a deliverer to the children of Israel, "Jehovah the Deliverer." By doing this, God unfolded another aspect of the revelation of His Name, Jehovah.

Over and over, throughout the Scriptures, it was the Name of the Lord that His people sought to know Him by.

Genesis 32:29. And Jacob asked him, and said, **Tell me, I pray thee, thy name.** And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

Judges 13:17. And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, **What is thy name**, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

1 Kings 8:43. Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth **may know thy name**, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, **is called by thy name**.

All down through the ages, when people wanted to know more about God, they sought to know His Name. Who do we honor? Who is it that we give credit to for all of this? We want to know His name.

The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible says, "To know the name of God is to know God as He has revealed Himself..." "When used of God, 'name' in the Old Testament has a revelatory content." In other words, God is revealing Himself.

Thus, when Jehovah came to earth and dwelled in the man Christ Jesus, God once again expressed Himself by unfolding yet another revelation of the name Jehovah.

Matthew 1:21. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins. Note that the name JESUS is capitalized just like LORD is in the Old Testament. Jesus means "Jehovah, the Savior", showing that God was coming to dwell among us as a man with the express purpose to "save His people from their sins".

When Jehovah came to earth, He was coming as Savior so He took on a name that would characterize His work as Redeemer. The Old Testament spoke of Him as Redeemer, but man had not known Him fully as Savior for man had not yet been redeemed. Complete redemption was not realized under the blood of bulls and goats as animal blood could not atone for sin nor could it change the sinner's

And they went both down into the Water, both Phillip and the Eunuch; And he baptized him. (Acts 8:39)

Out of the Water

"They came up out of the water." (Acts 8:39)

Buried in Water

We are buried with Him by Baptism into death. (Romans 6:4)

Planted in Water

We have been Planted together in the likeness of His Death. (Romans 6:5)

Jesus Said, " He that believeth and is Baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:16) Peter said, there were eight saved by water in Noah's time, the like figure whereunto even Baptism doth also now save us." (1 Peter 3:20-21)

Peter having the keys to the Kingdom said, "Repent, and be Baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." (Acts 2:38) Since Baptism is important to Salvation and that immersion and not sprinkling is the Bible method, don't you think you should be Baptized right before it is too late?

Baptism in Jesus Name – According to the Bible

Jesus Taught (Luke 24:47)

That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name beginning at Jerusalem.

Peter Obeyed (Acts 2:38-39)

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of Sins.

Samaritans (Acts 8:16)

They were baptized...in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Baptism Commanded (Acts 10:48)

He commanded them to be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

Paul Re-Baptized (Acts 19:3-5)

When they heard this they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

Everything done in Jesus Name (Col 3:17)

Whatsoever you do in word or in deed do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

"The word "baptize" signifies to immerse. It is certain that immersion... was the practice of the Primitive Church."

Martin Luther (Lutheran)

"Baptism is a Greek word and may be translated "Immerse." I would have those who are to be baptized, to be altogether dipped."

John Wesley (Methodist)

"The Bible term "Buried with Him by Baptism" alludes to the ancient manner of baptizing by immersion."

Wall (Episcopal)

"Immersion was all in probability the way in which our blessed Saviour, and for certain, the way in which all early Christians were baptized."

Brenner (Catholic)

"For the first thirteen hundred years, baptism was an immersion of the person under water."

Stoudza (A Native Greek)

"The verb "baptize" has only one meaning. It signifies to plunge. Baptism and immersion are identical. To say baptism by sprinkling would be to say immersion by sprinkling."

Jeremiah (A Greek Patriot)

"The ancients did not sprinkle the candidate, but immersed him."

Whitfield (Methodist)

"It is certain that the word "buried" in the text, Romans 6:4, alludes to the matter of baptizing by immersion."

Water Baptism – In the Light of the Holy Bible

There is only one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism. (Eph 4:5).

There is only one Bible way to be baptized.

Water

Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized? (Acts 10:47)

Much Water

John also was baptizing at Aenon because "there was much water there." (John 3:23)

Into the Water

nature. Israel had never known God as Savior from sins. Israel had previously only known God as one who saved them from slavery but still needed to be redeemed from the slavery of sin. To know redemption from sin, you would need to know God in the revelation of His Name of Jesus as Savior.

This was of tremendous importance because those Jewish believers who had previously known of Jehovah, would now need to know God as Emmanuel, meaning "God with us", who had come in the unfolding of the Name Jehovah:

JESUS, "Jehovah Savior". To know Him only as Jehovah, who had revealed Himself through the prophets, was no longer sufficient for salvation. They had to know Him now as Jesus, the Son of God and Savior of the world. Jehovah of the Old Testament had taken on a new name -- Jesus!

Jehovah had come to earth and took on flesh for the purpose of salvation. Mankind was now required to know God in the revelation of His new name. Only in the name of Jesus could men be saved. This agrees with the Old Testament verse found in Hosea 13:4 Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: **for there is no saviour beside me**. If there is no Savior besides Himself, then we must conclude His name is Jesus, not merely one of a set of three persons comprising a single God. When Saul, (later known as Paul), repented, Ananias instructed him, "And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). What name was it that Saul must call upon? His instructions were that in order for his sins to be washed away, he was to arise and be baptized, invoking the name of the Lord. What was the name for salvation that he was to call on? Just a few days earlier, Saul had asked the same question: "Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest" (Acts 9:5). It was here on the road to Damascus that Jesus had revealed Himself to Saul as the Lord. Saul knew about the Lord God of the Old Testament, but at that time he did not know nor serve the Jesus of the New Testament. But from the Damascus Road encounter, he learned

that the Lord of the Old Testament was the same Lord of the New Testament, and to his amazement the Lord's name was Jesus!

The knowledge of Jesus as Savior is old news to you and me. It is something that we learned from the cradle. Everyone who has heard of Jesus knows that He came to save. However, in that day, it was not old news. This had never happened before. This was totally something different, and they were having trouble seeing it. When God begins to operate in another unfolding revelation of His Name, people often have difficulty seeing it, and this was especially so with the Jews as the Gospel turned to the Gentiles. Here God was revealing Himself in the expression of His name Jehovah, the Savior, (Jesus) and He came to His own (the nation Israel) and His own wouldn't receive Him in the name Jesus, (Jehovah the Savior). If Jesus had come as a prophet as did Elijah or Moses preaching about Jehovah of the Old Testament, they would have received Him but Jehovah had come as the Savior and there wouldn't be salvation in any other name but the name of Jesus.

John 8:23-24. And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: **for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.**

Jesus is saying very clearly, "Unless you recognize me as Jehovah the Savior, you will die in your sins." That still holds true today.

Jehovah had spoken through the prophets, but now God was speaking through His Son, the Man Christ Jesus, whom He had begotten through creation. In times past, there was only one God and He spoke through His prophets, and in the days of His earthly pilgrimage, there was but one God and He spoke through Jesus Christ. Did it ever occur to you that Jesus never said, "Thus saith the Lord!" Why? He was the Lord.

Hebrews 1:1. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
2. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he

He is not a second person. He is not a subordinate person but He is the Almighty God! Revelation 1:8. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Jesus is the incarnation of the fullness of God. This is why His name would be called Emmanuel - God with us.

Colossians 2:9. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. The Godhead is the quality of being God. It is the sum total of God's attributes, character and personality. It is everything that makes Him who He is. The Godhead is a person and the person of God was in Jesus. There is not actually anyone in the Godhead. The Bible never says that Jesus is in the Godhead, but rather the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Jesus.

IN THAT DAY SHALL THERE BE **ONE LORD AND HIS NAME ONE!**

You cannot be saved without that name for salvation is not in any other name. You say, "I have accepted the Lord as Savior." Then why not take His name? What is so hard about identifying yourself with the one who saved you? What is so difficult about calling on the name of the Lord for salvation? The Trinitarians have you invoking the titles of Father, Son or Holy Ghost because they have no revelation of who He is. Those are simply the descriptive titles of the one man, Jesus Christ. That is why the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New. Jesus, the name above all names! That's the name every knee will bow to and that every tongue must confess; for there is no salvation in any other name.

Acts 22:16. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Addendum

**Water Baptism – According to the Church Leaders
John Calvin (Presbyterian)**

Revelation 17:3. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, **full of names of blasphemy**, having seven heads and ten horns.

4. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5. And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

The church of Jesus Christ is not to be called by the name of a denomination. We are sons and daughters of God and we bear His name in baptism. In doing so, we take on His name and every believer is called a Christian because they are Christ-like. Having His name is what is required.

Zechariah 14:9. The Lord shall be King over all that are in the earth, in that day shall there be **one Lord and His name one!**

Modern Trinitarians always use the numbers three and two as descriptors of God. God is never described in the Bible as three or two. He is only described as one, and His name is one. If the Trinitarian concept were true, there should be at least one single descriptor given of God as two or three, but there is not one instance in the entire Bible that ever speaks of two lords or three gods or two or three persons in the godhead. God is one, and His name is one and that name is "Jesus, the name above all names."

A simple search of the Bible using a computer with the words, "one", "two", "three" and "Lord" and "God" will prove that never are the numbers "two" and "three" used as descriptors of God. The Old Testament declares, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord, thy God is one Lord." Then in the New Testament it asserts that there is "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Ephesians 4:5. There are never two lords or three lords. Jesus is not one of the three persons of God.

hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3. Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

6. And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

8. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

This is what was spoken of the Son by the Eternal Spirit all through the Old Testament. He received a more excellent name by calling Him His Son, not just "a" son but the only Son, and He would express all that the Father was as Spirit down through the Old Testament. The fullness of the Godhead would dwell in Him, this created body. "Thy throne, O God" will last forever and ever. This was not another angel nor another ministering spirit, but this was God in flesh. The angels were told to worship Him.

The Name of God Exalted In The Old And New Testaments

Just as the Name of God was stressed in the Old Testament, so was the name of God stressed and exalted in the New Testament. The same tendency to exalt God's name and to praise and call upon His name in Old Testament reading is continued in New Testament writings, but the name mentioned and stressed, exalted and praised, is JESUS. All throughout the Bible the Name of God was to be praised, exalted and thought about!

Psalm 34:3. O **magnify the LORD** with me, and let us **exalt his name** together.

Psalm 113:1-3. Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, **praise the name of the LORD**. Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same **the LORD'S name is to be praised**.

Psalm 83:16. Fill their faces with shame; that they may **seek thy name, O LORD**.

This in itself proves that the name of Jesus is indeed the Name of the God of the Old Testament. Where is there stress of any other name in the New Testament? You cannot find another name stressed so highly beside the name, "Jesus".

Acts 8:12. 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.

The early church preached in such a manner that it caused onlookers, including critics, to comment on how they **preached the name of Jesus**. This is what they preached. They preached over and over the name of Jesus. The prevailing revelation was that God was with us and had become our Savior.

Acts 4:10. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Acts 4:15-18. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straightly threaten them, that they

that which is to come:

22. And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23. Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Name any name you want, the Name of Jesus is far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion not only in this world but the world to come. There will never be a greater name than Jesus. It is the highest of all names.

Colossians 3:17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

His Church is to have His name just as a woman takes on her husband's name when she marries. When a believer comes in union with Jesus Christ, he is to take on His name. When a child is born, he takes on his father's name.

A Church Marked by God as One Who is Not His Own.

Revelation 17:4. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5. And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

And she is the one who authored the trinity and sprinkling in the titles of Father, Son and Holy Ghost and to be baptized in that manner is to identify with the Catholic church who rejects the husband's name. This is why it is error to be called by any other name than the name of Jesus. To be called by the name of a denomination is to take the name of the woman (the church) instead of the husband, Christ Jesus. Therefore, those are names of blasphemy.

Lord?" He said, "I am Jesus." He knew the name of the Lord. The Damascus road experience revealed to Paul that the name of the Lord of the Old Testament was Jesus in the New Testament.

What is the instruction of Peter, the man who was given the keys to the kingdom? "Repent and be baptized in the name of the Jesus Christ, calling on the name of the Lord." Do it invoking that name because there is no salvation other than in this name, and baptism is a part of salvation.

Romans 10:13. For whosoever **shall call upon the name of the Lord** shall be saved.

Paul talks about those who are converted:

I Corinthians 6:9. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are **justified** (declared righteous, your sins washed away) **in the name of the Lord Jesus**, and by the Spirit of our God.

It's all done in His name!

Philippians 2:8. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, **and given him a name which is above every name:**

10. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ephesians 1:20. Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21. Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, **and every name that is named**, not only in this world, but also in

speaking henceforth to no man in this name. And they called them, **and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.**

The Jews didn't care how much the Apostles declared the God of the Old Testament, but they couldn't see Him in His unfolding revelation as Jesus, Jehovah Savior. Yet without that Name, they couldn't be saved.

Colossians 3:17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in **the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

This was the reputation that the New Testament saints had received; they were accused over and over again of using this name, worshipping this name, and preaching salvation in this name.

As seen in Acts 4, the Name was literally preached. It was stressed. This is not so today amongst many churches due to the Trinitarian doctrine which overshadows the Name of Jesus Christ being the **supreme** name revealing God's character. They merely attribute the name Jesus to being the name of the second person, not God in totality.

Jesus Himself said in what name He came.

John 5:43. **I am come in my Father's name**, (the One who created this body, this One that brought me into life, my Father, I come in His Name.) and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

What was the name of the Father?

Revelation 14:1. And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four

thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

The Father's name has to be written in their foreheads. In other words, their identity was to be this name. They were to be the people of this name.

Revelation 22:3. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4. And they shall see his face; and **his name** shall be in their foreheads.

The name of what? The name of the Lamb who is the Redeemer! What is the Lamb's name? His name is Jesus which was God the Father, the Eternal Spirit's name, who was now living in the man Jesus Christ. Jesus, in His human frame, bore the name of the one who created Him.

A People Called By His Name

The Church is to have His name.

Ephesians 3:14. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15. Of whom **the whole family in heaven and earth is named,**

It was stressed throughout the early Church that God's intention was to have them be known by the Name Jesus. Doesn't that make sense? Every child of a man is to bear his name. Every child of God is to bear His name. The same is true of His Bride; she is to have His Name.

Acts 15:14. Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them **a people for his name.**

These would be people identified by Him and their identity would be His name. The Father's name, the Lamb's name would be in their foreheads.

Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2. He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3. And he said unto them, **Unto what then were ye baptized?** (You have not heard about receiving a new nature? You have not heard about being filled with the Holy Spirit which is that new nature? Well then unto what then were you baptized?) And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Acts 19:4. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5. When they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

It wasn't enough just to be baptized, but Paul affirms that baptism must be done correctly. It must be done invoking the name of Jesus Christ because only in the Name of Jesus can you be saved, and once they obeyed the word, the Holy Ghost came.

Acts 19:6. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

How do you get your sins remitted? Let's consider again how Paul was instructed at his conversion.

Acts 22:16. And now why tarriest thou? arise, **and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.**

How do you get your sins washed away? By being baptized, calling on the Name of the Lord. Paul did not call on the titles Father, Son and Holy Ghost. That isn't what he said. He said, "Call on the name of the Lord!" What was the name of the Lord? It wasn't Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The name of the Lord was Jesus. Paul knew that. Because when he asked, "Who art thou,

the Father, Son and Holy Ghost." Every one of them were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 8:12. 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. What did Philip preach? The name of Jesus Christ and upon hearing the Name preached, they were baptized.

Acts 8:15. Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: **only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**)

Acts 10:43. To him give all the prophets witness, **that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.** (It's through His name. If you want your sins remitted, it must be through the name of Jesus Christ, for there is no other name given unto men whereby you must be saved.)

Acts 10:48. And he commanded them to be baptized **in the name of the Lord.** (The actual Greek text says: In the name of Jesus Christ)

The New Testament is emphatically clear that that remission of sins is only through the name of Jesus Christ.

Luke 24:47. And that repentance and **remission of sins should be preached in his name** among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, **that through his name** whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Over and over, the Bible declares that remission of sin is only in His name.

At Ephesus, Paul found believers that had been baptized, but not in the Name of Jesus, and he commanded them to be baptized over again.

Acts 19:1. And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth,

God informed Israel that throughout the world He wanted a people called by His name.

Deuteronomy 28:8-10. The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. And all people of the earth shall see that **thou art called by the name of the LORD**; and they shall be afraid of thee.

The problem with Israel was they could not keep the covenant, but God promised that there would be salvation by which there would be an inward dwelling of the Holy Spirit to convert the soul and change the nature of a man. This indwelling of the Holy Spirit would be the covenant keeper and it would be those people who then could keep His covenant (His Word). They would have His name. They would become known as the people of His name. The Name of God was a distinguishing factor given to Israel to separate them from all other people of the earth. They were going to be people of His name.

Revelation 3:12. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will **write upon him the name of my God**, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and **I will write upon him my new name.**

Jesus is the highest Name of God, ever revealed to mankind.

The church will never be on the right foundation unless it believes in the supreme deity of our Lord Jesus Christ for the church is built on the revelation of who Jesus is. It is the supreme revelation of God today. No other name of God has been so full of God's glory as the name **Jesus**, thus revealing His nature to humanity. Although He expressed Himself as El Shadai, Melchizedek, Elohim and Jehovah in the Old Testament, **Jesus is the highest revela-**

tion of God. Jesus literally means “Jehovah Salvation”, and it is the fullness of the revelation of God. That name encompasses all the former revelations of God. He is Melchizedek, the priest and king. He is El Shadai. He is Jehovah-Jireh, my provider. He is Jehovah Nissi, my banner. He is Jehovah Rapha, my healer. Everything is encapsulated in that one name, Jesus. The name of Jesus is the highest of all names. There is not a greater revelation of God than in Jesus, and from Him comes all other revelations. If Jesus is God incarnate, then Jesus is the greatest name ever revealed. Matthew 1:21 reveals this. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Jehovah shall save His people from their sins. It is the greatest thing to be released from the bondage of Satan, to be set free from sin, and only in Jesus can that be done. There was no salvation even in the former names of Jehovah as Jehovah Rapha, Jehovah Nissi and Jehovah Jireh, El Shaddai and Melchizedek. Salvation from sin is only in the name Jesus. Without that name you cannot be saved. It might become common, but it is the greatest name above all names. There is no other name like Jesus. There is no higher name than Jesus.

This given name was a direct fulfillment of this prophecy in Isaiah 7:14. Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Immanuel means “God with us.” Matthew 1:23. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

God was literally with humanity since God Himself was incarnate in Jesus Christ. God, Jehovah, came down to take on human battles. God came down to deliver man from that slave owner, sin nature, that had rule over your life from your first birth. He came as Savior to save you from your sins.

Acts 2:38. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Remember, there is no other way to remit sins.

Jehovah Rapha will not remit sins. El Shaddai did not remit sins. Only in the name of Jesus is remission of sins. Peter said, “To get remission of sins, then you must repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
Baptism is a part of salvation and it must be done in His name.

Acts 4:12. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is **none other name under heaven given** among men, whereby we must be saved.

Mark 16:16. **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;** but he that believeth not shall be damned.
If you believe and are baptized, then you will be saved.
Baptism is a part of salvation.

I Peter 3:21. The like figure whereunto even **baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Baptism is an essential part of salvation. One might ask, “What about the thief on the cross? He wasn’t baptized.” The thief on the cross would have obeyed the word if given the opportunity. You have the opportunity to do it, and if you won’t obey the Word of God, then you cannot be saved. To the thief on the cross, He told him, “You will be with me in paradise,” and he would have to be redeemed out of paradise, along with the Old Testament saints, by the blood of Jesus. In the New Testament, if you want to be saved, you must be baptized in His name.

Nowhere in the Bible were believers baptized in any other way than in the name of Jesus Christ. There is not a single instance where any person was ever baptized saying, “I baptize you in the name of
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or Prince of Peace, but it tells us that we have life and salvation only through the name of Jesus. All the other former revelations of God will not save you from sin.

Matthew 28:19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Jesus did not actually write the passage in Matthew 28:19, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matthew did. Matthew was there on the day of Pentecost and the apostles fulfilled the words of Jesus by invoking that Name. They all had the same instructions and they all fulfilled the instructions of Jesus by baptizing in the Name of Jesus Christ. When Jesus spoke of baptizing in the Name (singular) of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, they didn't think of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost as three different persons. The disciples of Jesus came from a Jewish concept that God is the Father, Jesus is His Son, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus. He explains all of that in John 14. It was never that the titles Father, Son and Holy Ghost were invoked in salvation. Salvation is only in the name of Jesus Christ. They weren't saying, "I'm baptizing for the Father, for the Son and for the Holy Ghost." They weren't thinking of God as three different persons. The very term "three persons" had not yet even been invented. It wasn't invented until some 300 years after the apostles' death. That is when the Trinitarian formula was made. It was invented by a catholic priest and was never cleansed from the Protestants during the reformation. When you baptize in the titles instead of the name of Jesus Christ, you are being baptized into the Roman Catholic Church and not into the Christian Church! In the Christian Church you take on His name.

Acts 2:21. And it shall come to pass, **that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

There is no salvation in any other name. Peter was given the keys to the Kingdom. He has told them how they can be filled with God's Spirit, because they asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

The name Jesus incorporates all the character and identity of God since the name Jehovah is included in the name Jesus. It is simply another manner of extending the revelation of Himself just as He did in Old Testament days by calling Himself Jehovah-Provider or Jehovah-Healer. Just as Moses saw a characteristic of God that Abraham did not see, that being deliverance, all New Testament saints have seen a characteristic of God that was never fully revealed in the Old Testament ---salvation! Since salvation is the greatest revelation ever given to man, the name Jesus is the highest name ever given because it was Jehovah coming to save. Without Him there can be no salvation. This is why Paul would say: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: Philippians 2:9.

If you have been questioning whether the name of Jesus is the greatest and highest of all names, this is exactly what the Bible teaches, "that He was highly exalted and given a name which is above every name." Paul emphatically teaches that Jesus is the name above every other name that God had previously used to reveal Himself, those being Elohim, Melchizedek, Jehovah Nissi, Jehovah Rapha, or El Shadai! The name of Jesus is higher than any other revelation of God when He became the Savior to save you from your sins. Therefore, if Jesus is not God's name, then we have a person who possesses a name greater than God's own name. So the conclusion must be that Jesus must be God's name! He was the fullness of the characteristics of the name of God revealed in human flesh. Jesus is the highest revelation of God! In that revelation, every child of God was included.

Isaiah prophesied about the truth of all people bowing to Him. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Isaiah 45:23.

And we read in the New Testament a direct fulfillment of that verse, which interprets it as saying that God's Name is Jesus. Philippians 2:10. That **at the name of Jesus** every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Jesus is the highest name of all names for there is no other name given among men whereby we might be saved. There is no salvation when you invoke Melchizedek or the name El Shadai or any other name.

Acts 4:10. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Peter is preaching after the healing of the man at the gate called Beautiful, and he is exclaiming and emphasizing the truth of God to the Jews and he is saying, "You can believe, confess or pray in any other name and will not receive salvation." You simply cannot be saved in any other name, for no other name will deliver you from sin. Certainly, as El Shadai, He is the God Almighty, but you are still a sinner. Positively, as Jehovah Rapha, He is the healer, but you still remain a sinner. There is no other name given under heaven whereby we must be saved. Can you imagine how this upset the people of that day when Peter declared that only in the name of Jesus can you be saved?

About 99% of Christians today do not have that revelation. They think you can be saved by using any of His titles of Father, Son or Holy Ghost. No! You cannot be saved by using titles of Father, Son or Holy Ghost any more than using Jehovah Rapha or any of the descriptive titles that Isaiah called Him. Isaiah 9:6 declares Him to be "Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Prince of Peace, the Everlasting Father". These are all titles of His Being, and revelations of His person, but only in the name of Jesus is there salvation. There is no salvation in any other name, and if you want to be saved, you must call upon the name of Jesus, for salvation only comes by invoking that name. As Saul of Tarsus was instructed,

"Go and be washed, repenting of your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." "Who art thou, Lord?" "I am Jesus."

No Other Name Given For Salvation

Matthew 28:19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Isaiah 9:6. 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, (is that His name?), Counselor (is that His name?), the Mighty God (is that His name?), the Everlasting Father (is that His name?) the Prince of Peace (is that His name?). No, none of those titles is His name, but His name shall be called all of this. Encapsulated in the name of Jesus is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Every bit of that is in the name of Jesus. When you say Jesus, He is Wonderful. When you say Jesus, He is the Counselor. When you say the Mighty God, Jesus is the Mighty God. When you say the Everlasting Father, Jesus is the Everlasting Father. When you say the Prince of Peace, Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

Jesus says, in Matthew 19, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father." Father is not a name, no more than Wonderful, Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God or Everlasting Father, and there is no salvation in the name Father, Son and Holy Ghost. You must know who the Holy Ghost is, for if you do not have the Spirit of Christ, you are none of His (Romans 8:9). There is but one Spirit (Ephesians 4:4-5). The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus.

John 20:31. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have **life through his name.**

The Bible does not tell us that we have life through the titles of Father, Son and Holy Ghost no more than it says we have life through the descriptive titles of Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,