



The Gospel's Name Above Every Name

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The next aspect I'd like to share with you is the 'Name Above Every Name' of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul continued his letter to the Christians in Philippi by writing:

“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:9-11

Paul’s letter doesn’t end at chapter 2 verse 11, but in a special way it could. It reads like a phenomenal climax to all we’ve read so far in Philippians. Paul wanted the Christians in Philippi to have the ‘same mind’ or way of thinking that Jesus had:

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 2:5

Jesus, who is the Eternal Son of God – equal with God the Father and God the Spirit – “made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:7-8). What did the Father do? He “highly exalted Him” and gave Him the name which is above every name. Jesus has all Authority in Heaven and Earth (Matthew 28:18), and has the Name that is above every name in the universe. Why? So that Jesus would receive the honor, praise, and glory that He deserves. Jesus then turned to His Father and gave Him the same honor, praise, and glory that He deserves:

“that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

What does that mean for Christians? The Apostle Paul explained it well in the first chapter of his letter to the Ephesians:

“that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

Ephesians 1:18-23

The Son of God, left His rightful place on the Throne of Heaven for us – “and humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” God the Father “highly exalted Him” and gave Him the name which is above every name. In return Jesus Christ in turn has given us an eternal future that we could never have dreamed of receiving.

That reminds me of what Jesus prayed to His Father the night before our Lord died on the cross:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.” John 17:2-5

To say that we are ‘blessed’ is such an understatement, yet it is a term that the Holy Spirit used when inspiring Paul to write to the Ephesians:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.” Ephesians 1:3

The One whose Name is above every name in the universe has given us ‘every spiritual blessing.’ We don’t deserve it. We cannot earn it. What we can do is be thankful, faithful, and obedient – and bring glory and praise to that ‘Name’ that is above every name.’ Thank you, Jesus!

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