TITLE: Thee Name Of God

TEXT: Gen. 1:1; Jn. 1:1-14; Acts 4:12; Phil. 2”5-11; Jn 10:30;

Jn 14:6; Ro. 10:9; Mt. 7:21-23; Col. 2:9

INTRODUCTION: Last week we talked about the OT names of God and how God has given them to us to help reveal to us His character, nature and attributes.

 To help us more fully understand just how great and awesome our God is.

The compound names of God we talked about last week were:

El- Elyon: The strongest strong One.

El - Roi: The strong One who sees

El-   Shaddai: The breasted One

El-Olam: The everlasting God

El-  Adonai: Master, Lord.

Jehovah- Jireh: The Lord will provide.

Jehovah  - Nissi: The Lord, my Banner.

Jehovah- Shalom: The Lord is Peace.

Jehovah- Sabaoth: The Lord of hosts

Jehovah-   Maccaddeschcem: The Lord thy Sanctifier.

Jehovah- Rohi (Raah): The Lord my Shepherd.

Jehovah- Tsidkenu: The Lord our Righteousness

Jehovah-   Shammah: The Lord who is present.

Jehovah-  Rapha: The Lord our Healer

This morning I want to take this subject on to its complete fulfillment in the New Testament.

The most amazing name of God comes to us in the New Testament!

**Genesis 1:1 (NIV)** **1In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

The first four words of the bible are all important…

**1In the beginning God!**

In the beginning God! God is the beginning of all things. Before the existence of anything else there was God! The ever existent one.

The New Testament parallel to this verse of Scripture is:

**John 1:1 -5,10, 14 (NIV) 1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  2He was with God in the beginning. 3Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.** **4In him was life, and that life was the light of men.** **5The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood****£** **it.**

 **10He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.**

**14The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only,£ who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Who is the Word here who became flesh and made His dwelling among us?

Jesus is the Word! The Logos of God!

In these verses it tells us Jesus true identity.

**1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  2He was with God in the beginning. 3Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.**

 Jesus is here described as the creator! The incarnate name of thee God of creation is Jesus the Logos, the word of God…

He, Jesus, created all things and without Him, without Jesus, nothing was made that has been made!

The word became flesh and made His dwelling among us!

This can only be speaking of Jesus Christ!

The statement that I want to pose to you this morning is that Thee name of God in all of its fullness, its completeness, is JESUS!

Jesus comes from the Greek:

***ee-ay-sooce'***

**Of Hebrew origin [****H3091****]; *Jesus* (that is, *Jehoshua*), the name of our Lord—Jesus.**

Joshua or Jehoshua = “Jehovah is salvation”

***Salvation= so-tay-ree'-ah***

***rescue* or *safety* (physically or morally):—deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.**

**Feminine of a derivative of****G4990** **sōtēr**

***a savior, deliverer:—*Savior (24).**

**sōtēr** finds its roots in the Greek word:

**sōzō; *(safe, well); to save:—*bring...safely (1), cured (1), ensure salvation (1), get well (2), (6), made well (5), preserved (1), recover (1), restore (1), save.**

In speaking about Jesus Luke says this in the book of acts: **Acts 4:12 (NIV) 12Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”**

 Salvation is found In Jesus and Jesus alone! His very name means salvation!

**12Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”**

It doesn’t say might be saved as if Jesus was one of multiple choices to salvation but it says that **there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”**

Jesus is the one and only way to salvation!

Mohammad cannot save you, Buddha can’t save you! Gandhi can’t save you! You cannot save you!

 There is only one name under Heaven by which men must be saved and that is the name of Jesus!

He who was in the beginning and by whom and through whom all things were made!

**Philippians 2:5 - 11 (NIV) 5Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6Who, being in very nature****£** **God,     did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7but made himself nothing,     taking the very nature****£** **of a servant,     being made in human likeness.** **8And being found in appearance as a man,     he humbled himself     and became obedient to death—     even death on a cross!** **9Therefore God exalted him to the highest place     and gave him the name that is above every name,** **10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,     in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,     to the glory of God the Father.**

Did you catch that? **Jesus Who, being in very nature God!**

Jesus is not merely Godlike or Godly but Jesus is God!

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That Jesus Christ is El-  Adonai! God our master , our Lord!

**Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name!**

Jesus name is exalted above every name!

It is very significant here that it says that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow,     in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!**
The only one who deserves to have every knee bow before them is the one and only God!

 There is only one who can be confessed as Lord—master-sovereign--by all of creation and that is God!

Jesus is the earthy name given to thee God of creation that one day every knee will bow before and every tongue will confess that His is Lord!

***koo'-ree-os***

**From κῦρος kuros (*supremacy*); *supreme* in authority, that is, *controller*; by implication —God, Lord, master.**

Jesus is Lord and He just doesn’t bring salvation but He is salvation!

Salvation encompasses all the attributes and names of God!

 All of the OT compounds of the names of God that we talked about last week all find their fulfillment and completeness in the name of Jesus!

El- Elyon: The strongest strong One is Jesus

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 All of these names of God are manifest in completeness in one name and one name alone and that is in the name of Jesus!

**Acts 4:12 (NIV) 12Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”**

**John 10:30 (NIV)** **30I and the Father are one.”**

I and the father are one! We are the same thing.

We live in a very polytheistic world today.

The word comes from the Greek words *poly (many) theo (Gods),* or "many gods."

(Just as the word for politics really means “Poly=many, ticks= bloodsurckers )

 Thus politics may be understood as many bloodsuckers. (Joke)

 Even many within the Church have bought into this philosophy of polytheism.

Often it is done under the guise of tolerance.

 I don’t know how many times I have heard someone say well not all Muslims are bad or all Buddhists are bad, or not all Hindus are bad. ect. ect.

 From human perspective we do have good Muslims and bad Muslims and good Buddhists and bad Buddhists, and good Hindus and bad Hindus--- but what we do not have is saved Muslims or saved Buddhists, or saved Hindus!

 Because there is only one name under heaven by which men must be saved and that name that men must be saved by is the name of Jesus!

For a Christian to say that there is another way other than Jesus is to deny one’s own faith!

You cannot be a Christian by definition and at the same time believe that a “good” Muslim or Hindu or Buddhists is going to go to Heaven .

Going to Heaven has nothing to do with man’s goodness!

 Scripture says that our acts of righteousness are as filthy rags in His sight! And that no one is righteous, no not one!

Going to Heaven has nothing to do with man’s goodness! It has everything to do with coming to believe in and upon the name of Jesus as Lord!

By accepting Jesus for who He actually is! The God of creation who humbled Himself by leaving the Glory of Heaven behind, entering the human race to be tempted in every way just as we are yet never yielding to the temptations and thus remaining a pure, sinless human being able to offer up His own body as a sacrifice for our sin that proves acceptable in His own sight!

The one sinned against laying down His life and paying the price and penalty of those who have sinned against Him!

 **John 14:6 (NIV) 6Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

Paul in Romans 10:9 tells us the way that we come to the father through Christ Jesus! The way that we become saved! The way that we become Christian!

**Romans 10:9 - 10 (NIV) 9That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.  10For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**

This is the one and only way by which a man must be saved!

I have preached on this text in Romans 10 a hundred times and will probably preach on it hundreds more--- for a right understanding of it is essential to our salvation and it is the very foundation stone of our faith!

 It is a Scripture that holds the most great and wondrous promise of God to us, but it is a promise with a condition attached to it!

The promise is “**you will be saved”.**

The condition that must be met to receive the promise is: **That if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead!**

That if! If you do this ---this will happen! If you do not do this then it won’t happen!

The words “That if” makes this a conditional promise of Scripture!

So just taking the first part of this condition for salvation… **That if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord.**

The word Paul uses for confess here is:

***hom-ol-og-eh'-o***

 **to assent, that is, covenant, acknowledge,**

**to come into agreement with!**

It is a verb that applies to the subject of the sentence. The subject of the sentence is the Lordship of Jesus Christ!

So what Paul is telling us here is that in order to be saved we must first come into agreement with God about the Lordship of Jesus Christ!

( You cannot confess, in the true sense of the word, a non-reality, a lie, a non-truth or a non-happening)

 Example: Convict before a judge….Confession has to center around reality!

What we need to confess or come into agreement with God about is that Jesus is our Lord!

***koo'-ree-os***

**From κῦρος kuros (*supremacy*); *supreme* in authority, that is *controller*; Lord, master!**

Example: slaves in civil war

 After the civil war when General Lee surrendered to General Grant the union soldiers went from plantation to plantation to set the slaves free. Most of the time the slaves took their freedom but occasionally the slaves would refuse to go because of the relationship they had with their masters. They cared for their master and their master cared for them.

Some slave owners actually treated their slaves pretty well making sure they were well cared for while in their service. Some even gave their slaves some ground of their own to work and make a profit for themselves. There developed a relationship between slave and master more like a family relationship.

 And when these slaves had a right to go they chose to stay in service to their master and became bond slaves or slaves for life..

 And this is the way that Paul is using the word Lord-koo'-ree-os here. We are free to go but choose to stay because of relationship. We love our master and he loves us so we aren’t going anywhere.

We can say Jesus is Lord into we are blue in the face but that is not how we are saved…

We are only saved when we allow Jesus to be Lord of our life. When we allow Him to be the supreme authority over our life, surrender our life and will to Him and give Him control of our life.

There are many sitting in Church pews today that I fear have never really gotten their minds and hearts around this truth of Scripture. Their confession of Christ has not been true confession but has just been lip service with no reality of Lordship through the real surrender of their life to Christ.

Jesus says some pretty frightening words in Matthew chapter 7 that I believe may be to people who have for the most part given an empty profession of Christ…

 **Matthew 7:21 - 23 (NIV)** **21“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.** **22Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’** **23Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’**

Who is Jesus referring to here? Not the lost of this world! Not to the religious groups that have denied His deity!

 He is talking to those who have called Him Lord with their mouths but not given Him Lordship of their lives!.

 Those who gave an empty confession of His name by rendering Him mere lip service!

 We cannot truly confess something that has never really happened! We cannot confess a non-reality or a lie!

 We confess Jesus as Lord one way only and that is by the surrender of our life to Him!

 To recognize ourselves for whom and what we really are---sinners who have fallen far short Gods glory and need a savior!

 To come into agreement with God will necessitate that we first see our sin as God sees it. As something is hurtful to us, to those around us and most of all hurtful to God! And because of that we become sorry for our sin and cry out to the one who we have sinned against, God, and cry out for His forgiveness!

 Then we need to come into agreement with God about making Jesus our Lord! Giving Him the place of supremacy in our life where He leads and we strive to follow that leading!

 When we embrace Christ Jesus in this way is when God will come to us in all of His fullness and all of the OT compounds of His name will become reality to us.

 And they will all become real to us in one name, one personage, and that is Jesus!

**Colossians 2:9 (NIV) 9For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form!**

 All the fullness of God lives within Jesus! All the names of God find their completeness in the name of Jesus!

 As we place ourselves in Christ by surrendering our life to Him, allowing Him to be our Lord and Savior, then all of the fullness of the deity will also live within us! That fullness came in with Jesus!

This morning is it your desire to have all the fullness of the deity alive within your bodily form? Your mortal body of flesh?

God has provided the way and that way is Jesus!

 This morning, have you embraced all the fullness of God in your life? Have you embraced the name that is far above every other name? Have you allowed, are you allowing Jesus Lordship of your life?

 Once we do then we too can experience all the fullness of God in Bodily form!

 For He who created the heavens and the earth will literally be alive within our very hearts striving to manifest His presence through us to the world in which we live drawing others to Himself!