

Philippians 2:5-11 CSB

Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, [6] who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. [7] Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, [8] he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death- even to death on a cross. [9] For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, [10] so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow- in heaven and on earth and under the earth- [11] and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Introduction

In Philippians 2:9–11, the Apostle Paul proclaims that God has exalted Jesus and given Him the name above all names. This short yet profound passage reminds us of the majesty, authority, and redemptive power found in Christ. When we think of Jesus, we often think of one name—"Jesus"—but the Bible uses many titles and names to reveal His nature and mission. Today, we will explore three names of Christ that highlight why Jesus alone has the name above all names.

1. Jesus, Our Savior

The first name we look at is Jesus itself—meaning "God saves." When the angel appeared to Joseph, he was instructed, "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

Our Rescue from Sin: Humanity's greatest problem is sin, which separates us from a holy God. Yet in Jesus, we find the One who rescues us, paying the ransom we could never afford.

Our Deliverer: As Savior, Jesus doesn't just fix our circumstances; He fixes our hearts. He redeems us fully—from the inside out.

Because of His saving work on the cross, God "has highly exalted him." Christ's name outranks every other name because only in Jesus do we find eternal salvation.

2. Emmanuel, God With Us

Another name given to Christ is Emmanuel—meaning "God with us." Matthew 1:23 cites the prophecy from Isaiah: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel"

God's Nearness: Through Emmanuel, we see God stepping into our world, taking on human flesh, and experiencing our joys and sorrows firsthand.

God's Presence in Trials: When life feels overwhelming, remember that Jesus, our Emmanuel, walks with us. He is not a distant observer but an intimate companion. Jesus's presence makes all the difference. No other name promises the personal nearness of God in every situation. Because He is Emmanuel, He is lifted high above any other name.

3. Lord of All

Finally, Philippians 2:11 declares every tongue will confess "that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." The name Lord signifies Christ's ultimate authority and kingship.

Authority Over Creation: Jesus calms the storm, heals the sick, and has power even over death. He is sovereign, sitting at the right hand of God.

Authority Over Our Lives: Submitting to the Lordship of Jesus means we entrust our decisions, dreams, and direction to Him. We bow our hearts and minds before the One who reigns supreme.

At the name of Jesus, every knee will bow because He is Lord of all. There is no power that can rival or surpass Him, making "Jesus Christ is Lord" the central confession of our faith.

Conclusion

Because Jesus is Savior, Emmanuel, and Lord of all, His name stands above every other name. God has exalted Him and placed Him on the highest throne. Today, let us bow our knees and our hearts before this exalted Savior. In our personal lives, in our families, and in our communities, may we proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Studying the 50 names of Jesus that I have listed below, offers a comprehensive glimpse into His divine character and mission—from the Lamb of God to the Lord of Glory. Each name reveals a fresh dimension of who Jesus is and how He works in our lives. As we reflect on His names in Scripture, our hearts are drawn nearer to Him, our faith is strengthened, and our worship becomes more profound. Such intentional study not only broadens our understanding but also deepens our relationship with the One who is truly the Name above all names.

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Jesus – Matthew 1:21
Christ – Matthew 16:16
Messiah - John 4:25-26
Emmanuel - Matthew 1:23
Son of God – Matthew 3:17
Son of Man – Matthew 9:6
Lamb of God - John 1:29
The Word - John 1:1
Savior – Luke 2:11
Lord - Acts 2:36
The Good Shepherd - John 10:11
The Bread of Life - John 6:35
The Light of the World – John 8:12
The Resurrection and the Life – John 11:25
The Way, the Truth, and the Life – John 14:6
The True Vine - John 15:1
Alpha and Omega - Revelation 22:13
King of Kings – Revelation 19:16
Lord of Lords - Revelation 19:16
The Holy One of God - Mark 1:24
Prince of Peace – Isaiah 9:6
Wonderful Counselor - Isaiah 9:6
Mighty God - Isaiah 9:6
Everlasting Father – Isaiah 9:6
The Righteous Branch – Jeremiah 23:5–6
Chief Cornerstone - Ephesians 2:20
Author and Finisher of Our Faith - Hebrews 12:2
Great High Priest - Hebrews 4:14
Head of the Church - Ephesians 1:22
The Door – John 10:9
Teacher - John 13:13
Rabbi - John 1:49
The Rock - 1 Corinthians 10:4
The Beloved Son – Matthew 3:17
Bridegroom - Matthew 9:15
Faithful and True - Revelation 19:11
The Amen – Revelation 3:14
The Root of David – Revelation 5:5
The Lion of the Tribe of Judah – Revelation 5:5
The Bright Morning Star – Revelation 22:16
Our Hope - 1 Timothy 1:1
The Image of the Invisible God – Colossians 1:15
Head of All Principality and Power - Colossians 2:10
Lord of Glory - 1 Corinthians 2:8
The Deliverer - Romans 11:26
The Servant – Acts 3:13
Son of David - Matthew 1:1
Horn of Salvation - Luke 1:69
The Daystar – 2 Peter 1:19 (KJV)
The Just One – Acts 7:52
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