

The Precious Name of Jesus

Think about all the songs we sing that express praise to the name of Jesus.

“There is a name I love to hear. I love to sing its worth. It sounds like music in my ear. The sweetest name on earth.”

“All hail the power of Jesus name let angels prostrate fall, bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.”

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know.” Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

When you hear the name of Jesus what comes to your mind? Today I want you to look with me at how precious the name of Jesus is.

I. The name of Jesus is precious to His church:

One of the oldest questions through the ages is who does the church belong to? The N.T. describes the church as the Church of GOD (Acts 20:28). Churches of CHRIST (Romans 16:16). The Body of CHRIST (I Corinthians 12:27). House of GOD (Hebrews 10:21). The Church of the FIRST BORN (Heb 12:23)

In Mathew 16:18, Jesus said to Peter that “on this rock I will build my church.” Therefore, the name of Jesus is precious to us? It’s precious because we belong to His church.

II. The name of Jesus is precious in our prayers:

Very often when we pray, we end by saying “In Jesus name, Amen.” Why do we do that? There are many verses where Jesus tells His disciples, to pray to the Father in my name.

Eph 5:20, “Always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, by saying, “In Jesus name” at the end of our prayers, we acknowledge the fact, that it is only by what Christ did at the cross that the barrier of sin separating us from God has been removed. Heb 10:20

Paul said to Timothy, “There is one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself, a ransom for all.” (1 Tim 2:5)

By praying in Jesus name, we pray according to what Jesus wants us to do (1 John 5:14-15) Jn 14:6, “No-one can get to the Father except by me.”

III. The name of Jesus is precious to our character:

Having a good name is important to us.

Prov 22:1 says, “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches.”

There are over 200 names And Titles for Jesus found in the Bible.

In Mathew 1:21 an Angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. The Angel said, “Mary will bear a son and you shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.”

Why is the name of Jesus precious to our character? It’s precious because as followers of Jesus we have the privilege of wearing His name.

In Acts 11:26, we learn how the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. They were called that because their behavior and speech were like Christ.

In Titus Paul talks about some Christians that failed at this. Chapter 1:16 says, “They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him.”

III. The name of Jesus is precious to our salvation:

In Acts chapter 2, Peter and Apostles preached the very first gospel sermon. Many of those who were in the audience may have been the very ones who shouted “Crucify him Crucify him” as Jesus was on trial before Pilate.

Peter says in Vs 23 says, you nailed him to the cross through the hands of godless men and put him to death. After realizing what they had done, they asked, “Brethren, what shall we do?”

Peter answered saying, “Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and the text says 3,000 responded to that message and were added to the church.

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

Close:

His name is precious to His church. His name is precious our prayers. His name is precious to our character and His name is precious to our salvation.

I mentioned earlier there are over 200 Titles for Jesus. Let me give just a few.

He is known as the Alpha and the Omega. The beginning and the end. The first and the last. He is the great I am. Our High Priest. Our mediator, our Redeemer, our Deliverer, our Savior.

He is the author and finisher of our faith, the son of God, the word of God, the king of kings, lord of Lords. His is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, and the good shepherd.