



The Name of Jesus

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What's in a Name?

- “A rose by any other name would smell as sweet”
- (William Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet*)



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- ⁹ For **God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ**, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. (1 Thessalonians 5:9-10)
- Thanks be to God for **his inexpressible gift!** (2 Corinthians 9:15)

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- Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)
- For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is **eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.** (Romans 6:23)

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- **Jesus' divinity revealed as the great "I am":**
- ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I am.**" ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple. (John 8:58-59)

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- “Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.**”^[a] And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you’” (Exodus 3:13-14).
- a. Or *I AM WHAT I AM, or I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE*
- “I AM” = YHWH (THE PERSONAL NAME OF GOD) (“*THE GREAT ‘I AM’*”) = *LORD* = HE WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN, AND WILL ALWAYS BE

II. Assurance of Eternal Life

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- ²⁹ And the [Philippian] jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ And they said, “**Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.**” (Acts 16:29-31)

III. Confidence that God Hears

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- For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and **his ears are open to their prayer**. (1 Peter 3:12)
- **“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”**¹⁷ **Elijah** was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.” (James 5:16b-18 NIV)

Praying according to God's will

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- Do not be conformed to this world, but ***be transformed by the renewal of your mind,*** that by testing you may ***discern what is the will of God,*** what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

Renewal of your mind → Discerning the will of God

- **Cerebral:** Renewal through studying God's Holy Word, the Bible
- **All Scripture is breathed out by God** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16)
- **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly**, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom (Colossians 3:16a)

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- **Experiential:** Renewal through experiencing God's Holy Spirit
- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, **singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.** (Colossians 3:16)
- [Hannah] was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. (1 Samuel 1:10)

A silhouette of two hands holding a glowing cross against a sunset background. The hands are positioned in the center-right of the frame, with the fingers spread and the palms facing each other. A bright, glowing cross is centered between the hands, emitting a strong light that creates a lens flare effect. The background is a warm, golden sunset over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

Let Us Pray