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**As believers in Jesus Christ,
we live in God's Kingdom
outpost on earth.**

*Whatsoever ye shall ask in
my name, that will I do, that the
Father may be glorified in the
Son. If ye shall ask any thing in
my name, I will do it.*

—John 14:13-14

In the Bible, when Jesus was getting ready to die on the cross, He told His friends that if they asked God anything in His Name (Jesus Christ) they were sure to receive it. Later (after Jesus rose from the dead, went back to be with His Father God, and gave His people the Holy Spirit) Peter and John healed a man invoking the Name of Jesus. Was the Name just a tagline that people were supposed to put on the end of their prayers so that God knew who was on His side?

The Name of Jesus isn't just a password that gets you into the God club. It is a real place within

which God's people live and from which they minister. Unfortunately, many of the people who claim to be in the Name of Jesus have no idea where they are. If you talk to people who believe in Jesus and try to explain the concept of the Name as a place, most would probably think you're some sort of spiritual spook.

Before you join that crowd and pass judgment, let me explain what I am talking about. As is the case with all things that come from God, Jesus—His Son—had a name that carried within itself His specific purpose

for being. In God's way of thinking, a name defines the characteristics and purpose of the object named. What you are named (or called) is who you are, according to God.

What is in a Name?

In Hebrew, the word *shem* means "name" or "renown." One's name was the means by which his or her reputation would be carried. In fact, God put His own reputation upon one of Noah's sons in the wake of the catastrophic flood of Genesis 7-10. The means of restoration of humankind to its

proper place on good terms with God would come through the family of Shem, “The Name.”

How does Jesus’ name have any bearing on who He was and is? Well, what you call something speaks forth what that thing will be. For example, if you call a child a “loser” long enough and consistently enough, he will begin to believe that he is a loser and will begin to live like one. On the other hand, if you tell a child he’s a “winner” he’ll begin to gain confidence and will see success in his life.

This isn’t a psychological theory, it’s a fundamental truth

of existence because God created the universe according to one of His core principles—when God says something, it immediately comes into existence in the physical realm. Evidence can be found for this in the very first chapter of Genesis. God said “Light, be!” (the literal translation from Hebrew) and light was brought into the universe, never to be extinguished. From that moment when God spoke, light has been expanding outward with no signs of stopping.

As God spoke more commands, more things—

including plants, animals, and people—came into being and continued to spread outward from their initial beginnings. This was done through God’s power of multiplication and increase. As is the case with light, God’s creation didn’t just expand with regard to numbers, but also in size and scope. The same can be said of the Name of Jesus.

Making a Name for Himself

When the angel Gabriel told Mary that her child would be named “Jesus,” it was to bring forth something from God into

our physical existence that could not be contained or restricted. Not only did the man named “Jesus” grow and mature physically, but also in God’s wisdom. By the time He connected with the Holy Spirit at age 30 (Matthew 3:13-17), Jesus was ready to spiritually expand to a degree which no one had known since the Garden of Eden.

By receiving the Spirit at His baptism (Matthew 3:13-17), the Name of Jesus became activated as the primary outpost of the Kingdom of Heaven in the physical world. In Hebrew,

“Heaven” is *shamayim*, a word that means “heaved up place.” In the case of “Kingdom of Heaven,” it can be understood as the “higher place where God lives and rules.” Heaven is not a place reserved for people when they leave their bodies behind at the funeral home. Heaven was created by God at the same time He made the earth and it exists on a higher dimensional plane than the physical world that we experience with our five senses.

Previously, the Kingdom connected with physical existence only in temporary circumstances. But once Jesus

reached maturity and was able to step into His calling—the purpose for which He was named—the parallel dimensions of the material and spiritual intersected at a focused point that could not be undone.

In the Beginning

You see, we were created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-28) to rule over this world by allowing Him to speak through us, but lost our power when our original parents, Adam and Eve, yielded to God's adversary (Genesis 3:1-24). Since that time, we've been in bondage as

physical beings to an evil spiritual master. We lost our place in the grand scheme of things.

Lucifer, like all angels, was created by God to be the servant of a human being—likely Jesus Himself. But this particular angel became jealous of the One he was called to serve and rebelled against God. Created beautiful but rendered repulsive due to his rebellion, the devil was cast into our world to be a prisoner under our authority.

Unfortunately, Adam and Eve neglected their assignment. Under the guise of a serpent—a

creature over which the first humans were commanded to exercise power—the devil deceived our first parents and wrested God’s delegated authority away from mankind. Through what has become known as “The Fall,” our physical realm was twisted to come under the usurped authority of this rebellious angel. He is holding us hostage as human shields in his spiritual war.

Taking the Wrong Name

In the Bible, God’s adversary is named “Satan,” which is a

variation of the Hebrew word for “accuser” or “slanderer.” When Adam and Eve turned away from God, they joined themselves to Satan and took his name, which brought with it his nature. Satan can only speak lies—he exists solely to steal, kill, and destroy what was made by God (John 10:10).

Under the Name of Satan, the first people ceased to be truth-speaking, creative beings existing in the likeness of God. They instead became accusatory, lying parasites, seeking to feed off the creation of others. This can be seen in Genesis 3 when

God questions his people about their traitorous actions. Rather than admit their failure—that they had disobeyed God’s commands—Adam and Eve each tried to divert the blame toward others so as to excuse their own actions.

Satan’s long-term plan is to place the blame for his own rebellion upon others. He does this by feeding thoughts to people that cause them to speak and act (a counterfeit of God’s system) against their Creator. Humans end up waging Satan’s battle for him (he has no real power of his own). When the

time comes for final judgment, Satan will assert that each human who committed crimes against God should face the punishment for sin, even though the ideas to do wrong came from him. Satan hopes to excuse himself by accusing others.

Adam and Eve, through their decisions, moved from the Garden of Eden (a place of peace and plenty where they could hear and implement the proclamations of God without interference) into the Name of Satan (a place of strife and lack where the voice of God would be obscured by the static of

emotion and fleshly desire). In the Name of Satan, everyone is in opposition to God and each other. The world sank from its place under the authority of God into the bondage of Satan—we took upon ourselves the imprisonment and punishment intended for the devil. It's in this place that those outside the Kingdom still dwell.

What's worse, many people who actually reside in the Name of Jesus through His death and resurrection still live like they're in the Name of Satan. They walk, talk, and act in the physical realm like their former master—

as accusers, liars, and thieves. These people are unaware of the fullness of their freedom due to deception and ignorance.

A Name Above All Names

At this point, we should take some time to focus on who Jesus really is. Today, thanks to generations of translations, He is known as Jesus Christ. His given name in Hebrew was “Yeshua,” which means “God’s Salvation.”

“Salvation” means “to be restored to wholeness, with nothing missing or broken.” In times past, people would apply

salve to a burn or wound to help the healing process and lessen scarring so that little or no evidence of injury remained. God's salve was in Jesus, evidenced by the healing and restoration miracles He delivered during His earthly ministry. He came to restore people to their original, God-created state.

Now, I should tell you that "Christ" was not the last name of Jesus. His family didn't send out holiday cards from "The Christs, 777 Jerusalem Pkwy., Nazareth, Judea." The word *christos* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew

word *mashiach* or “Anointed One.”

In the era before Jesus was born, God’s kings, prophets, and priests were anointed with oil. During such a ceremony, oil was poured over a person’s head until he was covered. The physical oil was a symbol showing God’s people that a particular person was under the spiritual covering of God. Under the shelter of the Holy Spirit, the anointed person lived within the Name of God—“Yahweh”—which invoked the promises God made toward His people found throughout the Bible. This has

been referred to in Psalm 91 as “the secret place of the Most High.” The Name was so highly revered in Hebrew culture that it could not be spoken or written in full.

From their position within the Name, kings had access to the wisdom, riches, and authority of God. Prophets had access to the mind of God and brought forth His messages to His people. Priests could advocate on behalf of God’s people by offering sacrifices. Those under the anointing could also call forth the power of God

to work in certain situations and execute His plans.

Staying in the Right Place

As long as the anointed person stayed in the Name—by keeping all His commandments—he was protected from the evil of the world. Any breaking of commandments also broke the relationship between God and that person, throwing them back into the wastelands of Satan’s Name. Such an offense necessitated a blood sacrifice to make things right again. In these cases (found in the Old

Testament), people who were anointed of God had a temporary visa to the Kingdom of Heaven which could be revoked at any time.

Jesus, being God and man, established permanent citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus met the requirements of all the commandments, never breaking fellowship with God, His Father. However, instead of continuing in a perfect life, Jesus offered up His own perfect blood as a sacrifice, once and for all, to make up for the failures of everyone who ever lived. It was

an exchange whereby the Son temporarily traded His citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven for our imprisonment in the Kingdom of Darkness in order to bring us out of captivity (Colossians 1:13).

The Holy Spirit anointing people receive once they make Jesus Lord of their lives is the equivalent of what God's kings, prophets, and priests had, only permanent. Breaking commandments does not break our spiritual relationship with God. Jesus' blood keeps us on good terms with our Father forever.

The Apostle Paul often wrote about people being “in Christ Jesus.” For our purposes, we can render “Christ” as “The Anointed One” or “Anointing of” and “Jesus” as “God’s Original Wholeness.” The phrase can be understood as “in the Anointing of God’s Original Wholeness.” We are permanently sheltered inside a protected place where we are as God intended us to be—just like Him.

This is the place from which we draw perfect health, soundness of mind, wisdom, and prosperity. If you read the Gospels, you’ll see that people

were healed from physical sickness, mental issues, and emotional torment once they acknowledged Jesus as God on earth, yielding to His authority and power. They were restored to the original relationship God intended for His people and reaped all the benefits thereof. It is from this position that we can implement God's plan for the world through our speech and actions.

Living in an Alien World

These days, people have full access to God's Kingdom, but are ignorant of that reality.

Many people who believe in Jesus think in Old Testament terms by treating their residence in the Kingdom as conditional upon their behavior. In truth, the spirit of the believer has been totally joined to God's Spirit, meaning that we are as good as Jesus in God's eyes.

When people who believe in Jesus speak or act in a way—in the physical realm—that is offensive to God, they think the spiritual bond is broken. Not true. God lives inside us now and will never leave. Our spiritual selves permanently live in the Kingdom via the Name of

Jesus. However, the parts of us that make up our physical selves—soul (mind, will, and emotions) and body—can still experience the ill effects of the Name of Satan, if we allow ourselves to be affected.

To illustrate, when people travel to outer space they must prepare to exist in an alien world. Space is a vacuum—the total lack of air pressure would be a serious problem for humans who ventured beyond the earth’s atmosphere. There is no air to breathe and no heat to keep a body warm. In other words, space is a place that cannot

support earthly life—it is a place of death.

When astronauts leave their ship to do work in outer space, they have to somehow survive in an environment totally foreign to their own. To do this, each person is placed inside a sealed suit that recreates the earth's conditions for life—air, heat, and pressure—and allows them to receive transmitted instructions for the mission. While outside the ship and inside such a suit, a person can perform most normal tasks in space they would naturally perform on earth.

As long as the astronauts stay in their suits, they'll live. It is important for astronauts to be aware of any threats to their safety in space, because their suits could become severely damaged, causing life-and-death consequences. They must stay away from sharp objects or avoid aggressive contact with the structures around them. Any rip or tear could be deadly because it opens the way for the air, heat, and pressure inside to escape, exposing that person to the vacuum of space. A person could die while still in his suit because he did not protect himself from

danger—he opened the door for death to come inside.

The Name of Jesus is the suit that allows us to take the wholeness of the God’s life wherever we go. However, if we yield to sin, we can still experience sickness and death. It all depends on how sensitive we are to the Holy Spirit.

It’s Your Choice

The Holy Spirit empowers people to follow God’s commands, if they’re willing to listen to His guidance and accept His overcoming strength. People outside of the Name of Jesus

don't have the Spirit and, instead, are driven by their urges to speak and act against God—if not explicitly, certainly implicitly.

Those within the Name of Jesus are free to choose their words and actions. If they let the Spirit lead, they'll receive wisdom, make good decisions, and prosper. If they choose to follow the same rationale as those outside of Jesus, they open the door physical, mental, emotional, and financial disaster—perhaps not all at once, but “the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23).

A person can believe in Jesus, have the Holy Spirit, and spiritually live within the Name of Jesus, but be just as helpless as someone who doesn't know God. Ignoring the Spirit, exposing yourself to Satan's traps, and making poor choices contrary to God's demands can leave a believer just as sick, broke, and depressed as anyone else.

I should be clear here: Spiritually, you're still just as righteous as Jesus, no matter your decisions and actions. If you believe in Jesus, you can expect to spend eternity with

God. If you are foolish with your body and soul, you'll get to eternity that much quicker and miss out on all God had for you in this world.

The Name of Jesus is the protective barrier that, if used correctly, can protect you from sickness, disease, psychosis, and emotional pain. It can also be a space that poverty, hunger, and worry can't penetrate. You can stay within the space where you exist in God's Original Wholeness—secure, empowered, and fulfilled

God created you to carry out a specific plan. If your earthly

life is cut short because you made foolish choices, didn't exercise your authority, and didn't act like a citizen of the Kingdom, others will pay the consequences. There are millions of sick and dying people who could receive God's healing through you. The depressed and oppressed are seeking deliverance. The poor are looking for plenty.

If you want to move into the Name of Jesus, just say out loud, or however you can express yourself, that Jesus Christ is Lord and that He rose from the dead (defeating Satan). By doing

so, you are saying that you believe in your heart that what God says is true and you're saying the same thing He already said—God's Original Wholeness is restored and Satan has no power. Be ready to live as a person who is healthy, full of joy, in a right mind, and successful.

If you already believe in Jesus, take the Anointing of God's Original Wholeness, to those who need it most. You have a new name—Jesus Christ—through the Anointing. Bring that joy and freedom to others by being a powerful

ambassador in a land that needs liberating.

As Jesus told us, His friends:

All power is given unto me in (the spiritual realm) and in earth. Go ... and teach all nations, (immerse) them in the name of the Father, ... the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things ... I have commanded you: and ... I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (This is something you can count on).

—Matthew 28:18-20

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“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” - Jesus, John 10:10

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