



INTRODUCTION

Matthew 16:13-17 (NKJV)

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

¹⁴ So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

It is more than obvious that we know just who Jesus is. He is not John the Baptist resurrected. He is not Elijah who was supposed to precede Christ's first coming or just a prophet as the nation of Islam would say that He is. He is indeed the Christ the Son of the living God. In our text, Paul is inspired by the Holy Spirit to write down a prophecy of significant importance concerning the name of Jesus. We may have heard it questioned, "What's in a name?" Well, we are about to discover that there is a lot in and about the name of Jesus.

Philippians 2:9-12 (NKJV)

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

God the Father has exalted Jesus because of His obedience to the Father. The Father always rewards obedience. In fact, **1 Peter 5:6-7 (NKJV)** says:

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Jesus has many names, titles and offices in the Bible. According to C.I. Scofield, there are 104 of them from the "last Adam" to "Word of God". All 104 of these names, titles and offices of Christ are very important. They help to describe His character, His mission and what He means to all mankind.

But only at the name of Jesus shall every Christian knee, every Muslim knee, every Jewish knee, every Mormon knee, every Buddhist knee, every agnostic knee, and every atheist's knee, every angelic knee, every demon in hell's knee and Satan's knee shall bow and every being that has speech will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! My suggestion is we should get used to bending our knees and confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord now. Do it to show how grateful we are. Do it to show how honored we are to know Him. Do it to the glory of God the Father!



12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

This is a verse that those who aren't very familiar with the scriptures and some who are would say contradicts the belief that salvation only comes through the blood sacrifice of Jesus; when in fact this verse does not contradict that truth.

The word "salvation" used in this verse does not mean salvation from sin. According to the law almost all things are purified with blood. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission. (of sin). (**Heb. 9:22**) Therefore not matter hard and even with fear and trembling will anyone be able to save themselves from sin. As Pastor Barry stated one Sunday morning, that the word "salvation" has many meanings. Salvation can mean: *preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss*: Working out to me means exercising our faith to be as much like Christ as we are able; to allow God to complete the work that He has started in each of us.

The term "with fear and trembling" means not to make hasty decisions based on emotion or solely on the outward appearance of things, as **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)** says:

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.