

The NAME and NATURE of GOD

God has graciously revealed Himself to us throughout the Bible. In Genesis 1:1 He revealed Himself as Creator. In Genesis 22:14 He revealed Himself to Abraham as the Provider. He revealed Himself to the children of Israel as their Deliverer, and then their Healer (Exodus 15:26), and then their Shepherd (Psalms 23:1). God's various names, titles and offices, depict his power, authority and character. The Psalmist tells us to "bless the Lord...and **forget not all his benefits**" (Psalms 103:3). He then goes on to name the many benefits that come from our Heavenly Father; "forgiveness, healing, deliverance, provision of good things, renewal of youth," and the list goes on (vs. 3-7). God has revealed Himself to us by these various representative descriptions of His character, authority and power so we can call upon Him in faith and receive the benefits He offers to every Believer in Jesus. The following are more than 300 representative names, titles, and descriptions of God found in the New International Version of the Bible. As you read through them, allow the Holy Spirit to illumine one, or several of His characteristics to you personally, and then call upon Him through Jesus Name, expecting to become a partaker of these promises. *"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue; Whereby are given unto us exceeding **great and precious promises**; that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature..."* (2Peter 1:2-4)

FATHER

<p>a faithful God -Deut. 32:4 a forgiving God-Neh. 9:17 a fortress of salvation-Ps. 28:8 a glorious crown-Isa. 28:5 a jealous and avenging God-Nah. 1:2 a Master in heaven-Col. 4:1 a refuge for his people-Joel 3:16 a refuge for the oppressed-Ps. 9:9 a refuge for the poor-Isa. 25:4 a sanctuary-Isa. 8:14 a shade from the heat-Isa. 25:4 a shelter from the storm-Isa. 25:4 a source of strength-Isa. 28:6 a stronghold in times of trouble-Ps. 9:9 an ever-present help in trouble-Ps. 46:1 architect and builder-Heb. 11:10 builder of everything-Heb. 3:4 commander of the Lord's army-Josh. 5:14 Creator of heaven and earth-Gen. 14:19 defender of widows-Ps. 68:5 eternal King-Jer. 10:10 Father-Isa. 9:6; 63:16; Matt. 5:16 Father of compassion-2 Cor. 1:3 Father of our spirits-Heb. 12:9 Father of the heavenly lights-Jas. 1:17 father to the fatherless-Ps. 68:5 God-Gen. 1:2 God Almighty (El Shaddai)-Gen. 17:1 God and Father of Jesus Christ-I Pet. 1:3 God Most High-Gen. 14:18-22 God my Maker-Job 35:10 God my Rock-Ps. 42:9 God my Savior-Ps. 18:46; 27:9 God my stronghold-Ps. 144:2; 2 Sam. 22:3 God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob-Ex. 3:16 God of all comfort-2 Cor. 1:3 God of all mankind-Jer. 32:27 God of glory-Ps. 29:3 God of gods-Deut. 10:17; Ps. 136:2 God of grace-I Pet. 5:10 God of peace-I Thess. 5:23 God of retribution-Jer. 51:56 God of the living-Matt. 22:32 God of the spirits-Num. 16:22 God of truth-Ps. 31:5 God our Father-Col. 1:2 God our strength-Ps. 18:2</p>	<p>God over all the kingdoms-Dan. 4:17 God the Father-Col. 3:17 God who avenges me-Ps. 18:47; 94:1 God who relents from sending calamity-Joel 2:13 great and awesome God-Deut. 7:21 great and powerful God-Jer. 32:18 great, mighty, awesome God-Deut. 10:17 he who blots out your transgressions-Isa. 43:25 he who comforts you-Isa. 66:13 he who forms the hearts of all-Ps. 33:15 he who raised Christ from the dead-Rom. 8:11 he who reveals His thoughts to man-Amos 4:13 Helper of the fatherless-Ps. 10:14</p> <p>him who is able to do more than all we ask or imagine-Eph. 3:20 him who is able to keep you from falling-Jude 24 him who is ready to judge the living and the dead- 2 Tim. 4:1 Holy Father-John 17:11 Holy One-Rev. 16:5 Holy One among you-Hos. 11:9 I AM WHO I AM-Ex. 3:14 Jealous-Ex. 20:5 Judge of all the earth-Gen. 18:25 King of glory-Ps. 24:7-10 King of heaven-Dan. 4:37 living and true God-I Thess. 1:9 Lord Almighty-2 Cor. 6:18 Lord God Almighty-Rev. 4:8; 16:7; 21:22 Lord is Peace-Judg. 6:24 Lord Most High-Ps. 7:17 Lord is my Banner-Ex. 17:15 Lord my Rock-Ps. 28: 1 Lord of all the earth-Mic. 4:13; Zech. 4:14 Lord of kings-Dan. 2:47 Lord our God-Deut. 1:6;10 Lord our Maker-Ps. 95:6 Lord our shield-Ps. 33:20 Lord who heals you-Ex. 15:26 Lord who is there-Ezek. 48:35 Lord who makes you holy-Heb. 2:11 Lord who strikes the blow-Ezek. 7:9</p>	<p>Lord will provide-Gen. 22: 14 love-I John 4:8 Maker of all things-Eccl. 11:5; Jer. 10:16 Most High-Gen. 14:18-22 my advocate-Job 16:19 my Comforter in sorrow-Jer. 8:18 my confidence-Ps. 71:5 my helper-Ps. 118:7; Heb. 13:6 my hiding place-Ps. 32:7 my hope-Ps. 25:5, 21 my light-Ps. 27:1 my mighty rock-Ps. 62:7 my refuge in times of trouble-Ps. 59:16 my song-Ex. 15:2 my strong deliverer-Ps. 140:7 my support-2 Sam. 22:19 One to be feared-I Chron. 16:25 only wise God-Rom. 16:27 our dwelling place-Ps. 90:1 our judge-I Sam. 24:15 our lawgiver-Isa. 33:22 our leader-2 Chron. 13:12 our Mighty One-Isa. 33:21 our Redeemer-Isa. 47:4; 63:16 our refuge and strength-Ps. 46:1 righteous Father-John 17:25 rock of our salvation-Ps. 95:1 shepherd-Ps. 23:1 sovereign Lord-Acts 4:24 the Almighty-Gen. 49:25; Ruth 1:20 the compassionate and gracious God-Ex. 34:6 the Eternal God-Gen. 21:33 the consuming fire-Isa. 33:14 the everlasting God-Isa. 40:28 the exalted God-Mic. 6:6 the faithful God-Deut. 7:9 the gardener (husbandman)-John 15:1 the glorious Father-Eph. 1:17 the glory of Israel-Mic. 1:15 the God who saves me-Ps. 88: 1 the God who sees me-Gen. 16:13 the great King above all gods-Ps. 95:3 the just and mighty One-Job 34:17 the living Father-John 6:57 the Majestic Glory-2 Pet. 1:17 the Majesty in heaven-Heb. 1:3 the one who sustains me-Ps. 54:4 the only God-Jude 1:25 the potter-Jer. 18:6</p>
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the rock in whom I take refuge-Ps. 18:2
the spring of living water-Jer. 2:13
the strength of my heart-Ps. 73:26
the true God-I Thess. 1:9
you who judge righteously and test the
heart and mind-Jer. 11:20
you who love the people-Deut. 33:3
your glory-Ps. 57:11
your praise-Isa. 38:18; Ps. 71:8; 138:1
your very great reward-Gen. 15:1

SON (JESUS)

a Nazarene-Matt. 2:23; Mark 14:67
all-Col.3:11
Alpha and Omega-Rev. 1:8
Anointed One-Acts 4:26; Ps. 2:2
apostle and high priest-Heb. 3:1
author and perfecter of our faith- Heb.12:2
author of life-Acts. 3:15
author of their salvation-Heb. 2:10
Branch of the Lord-Isa. 4:2
bread of God-John 6:33
bread of life-John 6:48
bridegroom-Luke 5:34-35
chief cornerstone-Eph. 2:20
Chief Shepherd-I Pet. 5:4
chosen and precious cornerstone-1 Pet.
2:6
Christ Jesus my Lord-Phil. 3:8
Christ Jesus our hope-I Tim. 1:1
Christ of God-Luke 9:20
consolation of Israel-Luke 2:25
crown of splendor-Isa. 62:3
eternal life-1 John 5:20
Faithful and True-Rev. 19:11
faithful and true witness-Rev. 3:14
first to rise from the dead-Acts 26:23
firstborn from among the dead-Col. 1:18
firstborn over all creation-Col. 1:15
firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep-
1 Cor. 15:20
fragrant offering and sacrifice to God-Eph.
5:2
friend of tax collectors and "sinners"-Matt.
11:19
God over all-Rom. 9:5
God's Son-John 11:4
great high priest-Heb. 4:14
great light-Matt. 4:16
great Shepherd of the sheep-Heb. 13:20
guarantee of a better covenant-Heb. 7:22
he who comes down from heaven and
gives life to the world-John 6:33
he who searches hearts and minds-Rev.
2:23
head of every man-1 Cor. 11:3
head of the body, the church-Col. 1:18
head of the church-Eph. 5:23
head over every power and authority-Col.
2:10
heir of all things-Heb. 1:2
him ... who died and came to life again-
Rev. 2:8
him who loves us and has freed us from
our sins-Rev. 1:5
his one and only Son-1 John 4:9

Holy and Righteous One-Acts 3:14
Holy One of God-John 6:69
holy servant Jesus-Acts 4:27,30
hope of Israel-Jer. 17:13
horn of salvation-Luke 1:69
image of the invisible God-Col. 1:15
Immanuel (God with us)-Matt. 1:23
indescribable gift-2 Cor. 9:15
Jesus-Matt. 1:21
Jesus Christ-John 1:17
Jesus Christ our Lord-Rom. 1:4; 5:21
Jesus Christ our Savior-Titus 3:6
Jesus of Nazareth-Mark 1:24; Matt. 26:71
judge of the living and the dead-Acts 10:42
KING OF KINGS-Rev. 19:16
King of the ages-Rev. 15:3
lamb of God-John 1:29; 1:36
light for revelation to the Gentiles-Luke
2:32
light of men-John 1:4
light of the world-John 8:12
living bread that came down from heaven-
John 6:51
lord and Savior Jesus Christ-2 Pet 3: 18
lord (Kurios)-Josh. 3:11,13
lord of glory-1 Cor. 2:8
LORD OF LORDS-Rev. 19:16
lord of peace-2 Thess. 3: 16
lord of the harvest-Matt. 9:38
lord of the Sabbath-Matt. 12:8
Lord (Rabboni)-John 20:16
man accredited by God-Acts 2:22
man of sorrows-Isa. 53:3
Master-Luke 8:24; 9:33; Col. 4:1
Mediator of a new covenant-Heb. 9:15;
12:24
merciful and faithful high priest-Heb. 2: 17
messenger of the covenant-Mal. 3:1
Messiah-John 1:41
morning star-Rev. 2:28
my friend-Jer. 3:4
my intercessor-Job 16:20
one who makes men holy-Heb. 2:11
one who speaks to the Father in our
defense-
I John 2:1
one who will arise to rule over the nations-
Rom. 15:12
our glorious Lord Jesus Christ-Jas. 2:1
our God and Savior Jesus Christ-2 Pet. 1:1
our only Sovereign and Lord-Jude 4
our Passover lamb-1 Cor. 5:7
our peace-Eph. 2: 14
our righteousness, holiness and
redemption-
I Cor. 1:30
Physician-Luke 4:23
Prince and Savior-Acts 5:31
Prince of Peace-Isa. 9:6
Prince of princes-Dan. 8:25
Prince of the hosts-Dan. 8:11
ransom for all men-1 Tim. 2:6
refiner and purifier-Mal. 3:3
resurrection and the life-John 11:25
righteous Judge-2 Tim. 4:8
Righteous One-Acts 3:14; 7:52
Rock eternal (rock of ages)-Isa. 26:4

ruler of God's creation-Rev. 3:14
ruler of the kings of the earth-Rev. 1:5
Savior of the world-John 4:42
second man-1 Cor. 15:47
Shepherd and Overseer of your souls- 1
Pet. 2:25
Son of Man-John 3:13-14; 5:27; 6:27
Son of the Blessed One-Mark 14:61
Son of the living God-Matt. 16: 16
Son of the Most High God-Luke 8:28
source of eternal salvation-Heb. 5:9
sure foundation-Isa. 33:6
Teacher-Matt. 23:10
the Amen-2 Cor. 1:20
the Beginning and the End-Rev. 21:6
the bright Morning Star-Rev. 22:16
the exact representation of His God's
being-Heb. 1:3
the First and the Last-Rev. 1:17
the gate (door)-John 10:7,9
the good shepherd-John 10:11
the Head-Eph. 4:15; Col. 2:19
the last Adam-1 Cor. 15:45
the life-John 14:6
the Living One-Rev. 1:18
the living Stone-1 Pet. 2:4
the Lord Our Righteousness-Jer. 23:6
the man from heaven-1 Cor. 15:49
the man Christ Jesus-1 Tim. 2:5
the most holy-Dan. 9:24
the One and Only-John 1:14,18
the only God our Savior-Jude 1:25
the radiance of God's glory-Heb. 1:3
the rising of the sun-Isa. 59:19
the stone the builders rejected-1 Pet. 2:7 :
the testimony given in its proper time-1
Tim. 2:6
the true light-John 1:9
the true vine-John 15:1
the truth-John 14.6
the way-John 14:6
the Word (logos)-John 1:1
true bread from heaven-John 6:32
wisdom from God-1 Cor. 1:30
Wonderful Counselor-Isa. 9:6
Word of God-Rev. 19:13
Word of life-1 John 1:1
your life-Col. 3:3
your salvation-Isa. 30:15; Eph. 1:13

HOLY SPIRIT

a deposit (earnest)-2 Cor. 5:5
another Counselor-John 14:16,26
breath of the Almighty-Job 32:8
Holy One-1 John 2:20
Holy Spirit-John 1:33
Holy Spirit of God-Eph. 4:30
seal-2 Cor. 1:22
Spirit of Christ-1 Pet. 1:11
Spirit of counsel and of power-Isa. 11:2
spirit of faith-2 Cor. 4:13
spirit of fire-Isa. 4:4
Spirit of glory-1 Pet. 4:14
spirit of grace and supplication-Zech. 12:10
Spirit of his Son-Gal. 4:6
Spirit of holiness-Rom. 1:4

Spirit of Jesus Christ-Phil. 1:19
spirit of judgment-Isa. 4:4
spirit of justice-Isa. 28:6
Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord-

Isa. 11:2
Spirit of life-Rom. 8:2
Spirit of our God-I Cor. 6:11
Spirit of sonship (adoption)-Rom. 8:15
Spirit of the living God-2 Cor. 3:3,
Spirit of the Lord-Isa. 63: 14; Luke 4: 18
Spirit of the Sovereign Lord-Isa. 61:1
Spirit of truth-John 14:17; 1 John 4:6
Spirit of wisdom and of understanding-Isa. 11:2
Spirit of wisdom and revelation-Eph. 1: 1 7
the gift-Acts 2:38; 10:45
the promised Holy Spirit-Acts 2:33
the same gift-Acts 11:17
Voice of the Almighty-Ezek. 1:24
Voice of the Lord-Hag. 1:12; Isa. 30:31

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The Multifaceted NAME and NATURE of God

“What’s in a name?”, we might ask. When it comes to God and His children, a lot! For example, “**name**” in the original Hebrew is “**Shem**” (Strong’s Concordance, #8034), and literally translated means “**honor, authority, position, or character.**” God named one of Isaac’s sons Jacob. Literally translated it means “Supplanter or Deceiver” (Gen. 25:26). This indicated Jacob’s character in the early part of his life was **deceiving** his brother Esau out of his God-given birthright. Jacob “reaped what he’d sown” for the next twenty years under his uncle Laban, who “changed his wages ten times” and gave Jacob the wrong daughter in marriage after seven years hard labor. But when God was done **changing Jacob’s character**, He also **changed his name**, and called him Israel (Genesis 32:38), literally translated, “Soldier of God.” When we became Christians God changed our name too. He changed our character from **children of darkness to children of light** (Ephesians 5:8).

With this backdrop, let’s study twelve of the Hebrew names revealing God’s character from the Old Testament. This should help us better understand the nature of the Eternal One whom we serve.

1) ELOHIM – “God our Creator.” Elohim is the name that introduces God in Genesis 1:1. The word can be divided into two parts: El, which means God and is connected to His **might, power, majesty, authority, and glory**. Ohim speaks of His plurality, in meaning “more than one.” “*Let us make man in our image*” (Genesis 1:26). Here God begins by giving us a sneak preview of the revelation of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Ghost “creating” together. In the New Testament, we understand that “*there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost*” (1 John 5:7).

2) JEHOVAH – “Our Eternal God.” Jehovah is the name of **relationship and covenant**. God revealed Himself to Adam in the Garden of Eden as “Lord God” (see Genesis Chapter 2). “*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground*” (Genesis 2:7). Jehovah is connected to the creation of man, the making of a covenant and ultimately the atonement, Jesus being the fulfillment. God is always worshipped as Jehovah—and we cannot worship Him, without a relationship through the covenant provided by the Father through the Cross. Jesus declared, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man can go to the Father except by Me*” (John 14:6). 1Timothy 2:5 declares, “*There is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus.*” To truly know God in worship, we must know Him by covenant, through our relationship by the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

3) JEHOVAH-EL SHADDAI – “God our Supplier.” The name El Shaddai means the **God of might, nourishment, bounty, and blessings**. God revealed Himself to Abraham as El Shaddai when He promised him a son. El Shaddai, Abraham’s mighty supplier, made a covenant with him to “*multiply Abraham exceedingly*” (Genesis 17:1-2), making Abraham “*the father of many nations*” (Genesis 17:5). With this, God changed Abraham’s name from Abram (“high father”) to Abraham (“father of the multitude”). Often when we get a revelation of **God’s name**, it results in God changing our name. We are changed into the same image as we behold Him (2Corinthians 3:18).

4) ADONAI – “Master, Lord.” Adonai came forth from Abraham’s lips when God

came to him and revealed what He was planning to do to Sodom and Gomorrah and Abraham became the first great intercessor in scripture (Genesis 18:3, 17-33). This demonstrates that the name Adonai is connected to **God’s lordship and ownership** over our lives, as well as to revelation of future plans of God and our intercession, working with Him as His friend.

5) JEHOVAH-JIREH -- “God my Provider.” God revealed Himself to Abraham as the “Great Provider” in Genesis 22:14, when Abraham was about to lower the knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. The Lord stopped him in mid-swing and provided a lamb as a substitute for Isaac. This story in Genesis reveals Jesus and the work of the cross. The name Jehovah-Jireh reveals the Lord God providing **His Son** for our redemption and being **our provider** for all our needs. Based on this story, we might even conclude that the Old Testament is often the New Testament “concealed,” and the New Testament is often the Old Testament “revealed.”

6) JEHOVAH-RAPHA — “God my Healer.” In Exodus 15:22-26, the children of Israel came to the “bitter waters” of Marah. Marah means bitterness in Hebrew. Here God revealed Himself to the Israelites as Jehovah-Rapha by **healing the waters** before their eyes and making them sweet enough to drink. God made a covenant promise to His people at Marah that **He would be their health and healer continually** as long as they kept His commandments and obeyed His voice (Exodus 15:26).

7) JEHOVAH-NISSI -- “God my Banner.” God disclosed this name to the Israelites when Moses lifted up the rod of victory in prayer, for an entire day while fighting against the Amalekites (see Exodus 17:15). The Hebrew word for Nissi literally translates as “**my protection, banner, covering, and victory.**” Jehovah-Nissi is with us today and I encourage you to pray Psalm 91 over your day as a “covering” of God’s protection each morning before starting your day, proclaiming God as your banner.

8) JEHOVAH-M’KADESH -- “God my Sanctifier.” God revealed this name to the Israelites in the wilderness, promising He would “sanctify” them Himself. The word M’Kadesh, our sanctifier, was also

connected to being set apart for service and belonging wholly ("spirit, soul, and body," see also 1Thessalonians 5:23) to the Lord. God calls each of us to this level of commitment, as His bride, without spot, blemish, or wrinkle" (Ephesians 5:27), sanctified by Jesus for presentation to the Father.

9) **JEHOVAH-SHALOM** -- "God my Peace." Gideon realized this name of God when the Lord took him from being a man of fear into a front-line warrior, leading others into battle against the Midianites. God revealed Himself here as Jehovah-Shalom, and Gideon's **fear turned to peace**. Jesus, our Messiah, is referred to as "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Jesus spoke to the winds and waves, "Peace, be still," and immediately the waters became calm (Mk. 4:39). Through this name, we can experience **supernatural peace**, which will bring about victory over every boisterous situation the devil brings our way (See also Isaiah 26:3).

10) **JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU** -- "God my Righteousness." God told His prophet Jeremiah to declare that "a righteous branch" would sprout forth from King David's bloodline. This would be the way "Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness." **Jehovah-Tsidkenu makes us righteous**. It is not of our own doing, but His, who makes us righteous. In the New Testament, the apostle Paul said it this way, "For [God] made [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in [Christ]" (see 2Corinthians 5:21).

11) **JEHOVAH-ROHI** -- "God my Shepherd." In the well-known 23rd Psalm, God reveals Himself as Rohi—our Great Shepherd. King David declared, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1). The name Rohi speaks not only of God's leadership, but also His close intimacy with His followers. As we follow Jesus, we have **His leadership and close intimacy**.

12) **JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH** -- "The Abiding Presence." Ezekiel prophesies concerning the final days, "...and the name of the city for that day shall be, 'The Lord is there'" (Ezekiel 48:35). The Hebrew word used here is Jehovah-Shammah, speaking

of **God's abiding presence**. The author of Hebrews promises us that God will "never leave us or forsake us" (Hebrews 13:5). God's promise of "abiding with us forever" has come by Jesus, who has given us the Holy Spirit when we believed on Him (John 14:16).

The Isaiah 9:6 Promised Messiah

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and He shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6).

This child's name will be "**Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace**." Who is this Messiah? Philippians, speaking of Jesus Christ, reveals the answer: "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, and took on the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:6-8).

In sum, God disrobed Himself of His glory and took on the form of a man to reach the human race with His revealed character in the person of Jesus Christ. One hundred percent human and one hundred percent divine, yet without sin. He demonstrated the divine authority, character, and nature of:

- **Jehovah-Rapha** by healing the sick;
- **Jehovah-Jireh** by breaking bread and providing enough food supernaturally to feed 5,000 men, plus women and children;
- **Jehovah-Shalom** by speaking "peace be still" to the winds and the waves;
- **Jehovah Rohi** by being our Shepherd;
- **Jehovah-Shammah** with His abiding presence by giving us the Holy Spirit to dwell with us forever; and
- **Jehovah-Tsidkenu**, by dying on a cross for our sin that we might

become the righteousness of God in Him.

Jesus is the manifestation of the full revelation of God's name: "*Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. For by him [Christ], all things were created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him [Christ] and for him. And he [Christ] is before all things, and by him [Christ] all things exist*" (Colossians 1:15-17).

The author of Colossians continues by declaring these words: "*And he [Christ] is the head of the body, the Church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence. For it pleased the Father that in him [Christ] should all the fullness dwell.*" (Colossians 1:18-19)

Finally Christ is revealed as the fullness of all God's divine names: character, nature, and authority. "**For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily**" (Colossians 2:9). Jesus declared He had been given all authority after His resurrection "*All power [Greek: exousia, meaning "authority"] is given unto Me in heaven and earth*" (Matthew 28:18).

If Christ has "all authority," there is no longer authority in any other name, but the name of Jesus Christ. "*Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name [authority, character, position, and honor] which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*" (Philippians 2:9-11).

Jesus walked in the power of His name. He healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, raised the dead, turned water into wine, walked on the water, and demonstrated the Kingdom of God. **Jesus has given us His name as children of the light. He has commissioned as with His authority.** He declared in John

14:12: "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do he shall do also...."

How can we "do the [same] works of Jesus? "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel... and these signs will follow...**In my name** you shall cast out devils... speak with new tongues... you shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" (Mark 16:15-18).

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (2Corinthians 5:17-18). You have been adopted into God's family and given the authority of an adopted son of the Most High (Romans 8:14-15). Go forth boldly in Jesus' Mighty Name!



