

THE GOSPEL OF HIS NAME

UNDERSTANDING THE GOOD NEWS OF HIS NAME

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

~ Acts 4:12

1. The Importance of a Name

- a. Evangelists often say the gospel is to believe Jesus is the Christ – John 20:31
- b. What is left out is the sin, the cross, the blood, the resurrection?
- c. Gospel of his name = Who Jesus is according to the prophets of Israel; Messiah
- d. Gospel of grace = What Jesus did according to the revelation of the mystery for all
- e. His name concerns the people given his name, what he did for us is grace gospel

2. The Horn of Salvation

- a. The law required Israel to hallow his name - Lev 22:32; 26:11-12
- b. God gave Israel his name - 2 Chron 6:5-6, 7:14
- c. There is one called "God with us" - Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-8
- d. The Holy One is in the midst of thee - Isaiah 12
- e. The Gentiles shall come to thy light (Israel/Christ) - Isaiah 60:1-4, 9-12
- f. Ezekiel 36:20-24 – having pity on his name he will gather Israel from their enemies
- g. David sang of an horn of salvation, and praised his name – Psa 18:1-2, 18:46-49

3. The Name of Jesus

- a. The good news was that the Name of God, Messiah, had come – Luke 1:68-75
- b. His name shall be called Emmanuel, God with us - Matt 1:21-23
- c. Jesus taught them to hallow the name of God, according to the law - Matt 6:9
- d. All who believed in his name - John 1:12-14 (also John 20:31)
- e. They had to believe in the name of the one sent from heaven - John 3:16-21
- f. Peter knew who he was, he knew his name - John 6:45-49, 66-69
- g. 'who art thou' – the question of his name - John 8:25-29
- h. Who do men say that I am? - Matt 16:13-16
- i. Martha believed Jesus was the promised Christ - John 11:25-27

4. The Twelve Preached the Gospel of His Name

- a. Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord - Acts 2:21, 3:6 & 16
- b. They preached by the authority of Jesus, the horn of salvation - Acts 4:7, 10-12
- c. Cornelius trusts the name of Jesus - Acts 10:42-43

5. The Mystery Gospel of Christ

- a. But now, the gospel is not just his person, but his work done on our behalf
- b. The gospel of grace includes the glory of his work: cross, blood, death, resurrect
- c. He died for our sins, and resurrected for our eternal life - 1 Cor 15:1-4
- d. Preaching only the gospel of his name hides the gospel of grace or makes us Israel
- e. The gospel of Christ is his sufficient work, not just his name – Rom 1:16
- f. All will bow at his name, in heaven and earth ... but not yet – Phil 2:10-11