**Series: The Birth of Christ** 

**Title:** Christmas Pronouncement: The Names of Christ

**<u>Text</u>**: (Jer 23:6)

*Called*~Addressed; Appointed; Named Names have meanings.

# God reveals Himself to us through His Names -

Bible names had significance.

Their names expressed the character traits of a person (Phil 2:9) "A name above every name"

There are 625 direct names in the Bible for God. God uses each one to reveal something specific about Himself.

## How Names are used is very Important.

Jesus summed up the 10 Comm: (Matt 22:35-40) It all is predicated on our love for God: (Deut 6:5) How we speak God's Name is a Part of Our Worship. How we speak God's Name Displays our love for Him.

**3rd Commandment**: (Ex 20:7)

## 4 Truths about God's Names God's names Tells us WHAT HE is like:

"Almighty"—not just "Mighty", but "All Mighty" Gen 35:11

#### God's names Tells us WHO HE is to us:

"Our Shepherd" – Ps 23

"Our Father" – How do you know if you had a good father unless you know what the "Good Father" is like? Matt 6:9 "Man of War" – Ex 15:3

#### The Names of God tells us WHAT He is DOING!

He Reveals three things to us through His names

- 1. **His Person:** What He is like Is 9:6
- 2. **His Plan:** What He is up to.
- 3. **<u>His Path</u>**: His instructions for us to follow.
  - a. Many people don't truly trust God because they do not know Him or are at the very least unfamiliar with Him!

# **God's Names Demand From Us A Response:**

Twice in Scripture The Phrase "His Name Shall Be Called" Twice, God reveals the names of Christ.

1 in the OT, 1 In the NT

## I. His Name Shall Be Called: - (Is 9:6)

**Wonderful:** (IS 9:6)

About His Birth: (Lk 2:18) About His Teaching (Lk 4:22)

About His Miracles: (Matt 15:31) (Lk 11:14)

About His Death:

About His Resurrection: (Lk 24:40-41)

About Eternity:

About the Life they are living.

Marvelous Amazing

Counselor: (IS 9:6) Advisor

Lawyer in our behalf. (Rom 8:34)

#### The Mighty God:

Who can stand before Him?

He is Powerful

He is a Valiant Man, A Warrior

Many have Tried, but all have Failed.
Pharaoh, Jericho, Satan - Tempting Christ

## **The Everlasting Father:**

In the Beginning (John 1:1-3) The Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever: (Mal 3:6) (Heb 13:8)

## The Price of Peace:

His Coming as a Child Brought Peace to all the World? His Death as a the Savior Brings Peace to all the World? His Coming as King of Kings Brings Peace to all the World!

## II. His Name Shall Be Called: (Luke 1:32)

*The Son of the Highest*: (Luke 1:32)

*The Son of God*: (Luke 1:35)

His Only Begotten Born of a Virgin Dwelt Among Men

**Jesus:** (Matt 1:21, 25)

Save His people From their Sins

**Nazarene:** (Matt 2:23) One who is called out

One who is set apart for a purpose

*Christ*: (Matt 1:16)

#### III. We Are Called:

By thy Name: (Jer 14:9) By My Name: (Is 43:7)

Whose Name are we In, Satan or Christ?

How do we use that name?

## IV. The Lord Our Righteousness: (Jer 23:6)

"OUR" Righteousness in as Filty Rags (Is 64:6) The Lord is Our Righteousness: (Rom 3:22)

## **God's names demand from us a response:**

When we encounter Truth in the Word of God & understand it, that's God speaking to us.

Then God demands a response from us.

No man understands truth unless God reveals it to us.

He does not reveal truth to us to just idly Chit Chat or to show off His intelligence.

He shows us because He wants a specific response from us. God's names are meant to invoke in us a specific response.

<u>Illus</u>: "I am Holy" God is revealing this aspect of his Being! He is Holy; He doesn't Tolerate Sin, He is not like the world

He wants us to respond in Kind!

"OK God, because you are Holy, I need to be holy, not to tolerate Sin or Worldliness!"