

C & C: The Name which is Above Every Name

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

The focus of this lesson is the mystery of godliness. What about the mystery of godliness?

1 Timothy 3:16

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Notice the mystery of godliness is God was manifest in the flesh.

Can the Godhead be understood?

Romans 1:20

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

What about the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ?

Colossians 2:2-3

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

We should seek in prayer the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God.

Ephesians 1:17

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Ephesians 4:11-13

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Let us begin to take a closer look at the mystery of godliness.

Isaiah 9:6

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Notice carefully that this prophesied son that was going to be given was to be called the mighty God and the everlasting Father.

Isaiah 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:21-23

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Remember the mystery of godliness? “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” (1 Tim 3:16)

The mystery of godliness is God was manifest in the flesh. Jesus was to be called the mighty God and the everlasting Father. And they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. This is the mystery of God manifest in the flesh. It was the Everlasting Father that was manifest in the flesh as the Son of God.

This is the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ. “That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Col 2:2-3)

It is important to recognize the wording of this mystery. It is the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ. This is the mystery of God manifest in the flesh. This mystery is God who is a Spirit manifested himself in the flesh as the Son of God to redeem mankind back unto himself.

2 Corinthians 5:19

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Thus God manifested himself in various roles or offices to us. Such as the Father in creation, the Son in redemption, and the Holy Spirit in action. Let me explain what is meant by this statement. God is a spirit. He is the Holy Spirit. And when you see the Spirit of God referenced in the Bible it refers to God in action upon the universe or upon the souls of men. God is the Father of what is created which is everything. God who is a Spirit robed himself in flesh as the son of God to redeem mankind back unto himself. Jesus is the expressed visible image of the invisible God. Jesus is the body of God.

Colossians 2:9

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Hebrews 1:3

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

Let us focus again upon the name which is above every name in a different manner.

Isaiah 45:22-23

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.
23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

God said that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Isaiah 43:11

11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

Matthew 1:21

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

God said that beside him there was no savior and we then learn that the son that was given to us who was to be called the mighty God and the everlasting Father was given the name of Jesus as was declared by the angel Gabriel before the conception of the child Jesus.

Acts 4:10-12

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

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

Remember, God said that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. “I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour.” (Isa 43:11) Yet when God manifested himself in flesh it is the name of Jesus that we see that will “save his people from their sins.”

Philippians 2:9-11

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

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

Here we see that the name of Jesus is above every name. And remember God said, “I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.” It is at “the name of Jesus every knee should bow... And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord”. Are we to think that God is three persons and that God the Father has given his Son a name that is above his own? Let us take a closer look at the name which is above every name.

John 10:30

30 I and my Father are one.

John 5:43

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

Hebrews 1:4

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Let us stop here. If Jesus obtained his name by inheritance and told us that he came in his father's name and that he and the father are one, what name would be the name of the Father of whom you inherited your name?

If I told you that I received my name by inheritance and I told you my name was Ronnie, you would never conclude that my Father's name was any other name than that of my own. The same is with Jesus.

John 14:26

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

What is the name of Jesus? Jesus right? Here Jesus said, “the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name”. His name is Jesus. Thus since God is a Spirit and Jesus said, “I and my Father are one” and “I am come in my Father's name” and “the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will

send in my name”, and we know that his name is Jesus; we can then conclude that the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is Jesus. Thus fulfilling Matthew 28:19 which reads, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”.

John 17:26

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

The name that Jesus declared was his Father's name of which he obtained by inheritance.

Ephesians 3:14-15

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

The whole family in heaven and earth is named after Jesus of whom manifested and declared unto us the name of the Father. Which name he obtained by inheritance. Which name is Jesus.

It can be no other name. “For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12b)

It was Jesus that was the prophesied seed that was to come. It was Jesus that died on the cross of calvary. It was Jesus that preached unto the imprisoned spirits in the bowels of the earth. It is the name of Jesus that we invoke in the baptism. It is the name of Jesus that the whole family in heaven and earth is named, because the name of our one God is Jesus. This name of Jesus was the name of God that was revealed to us in the New Testament.