

It Is Accomplished

This past week, I spoke to a friend about last week's study on "The Name"; the importance of the name, Jesus or Yeshua, and the Father's name, Yah-Ho-Veh or Yahweh. We noted that the first task given to Adam was the naming of all the creatures that paraded in front of him:

Genesis 2:19

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would **name** them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its **name**.

Jesus was the expression on Earth of the Father's Name, which He—the Father — magnifies, along with His promise, above all else, as we have read many times in Psalm 138.

When the messenger of the Lord, spoke to Joseph, to ease his mind about taking Mary to be his wife, knowing she was already pregnant, the angel said, ***"And they [that is, the people of Israel] shall be calling His name 'Emmanuel,'" which is, being construed, "God with us"*** (Matthew 1:23). The messenger of the Lord told Joseph that he would "be calling His name Jesus" – or Yeshua in Hebrew – but that the people "shall be calling His name Emmanuel."

Here's what the Concordant Commentary says about names:

6 Hebrew names were usually most expressive of character, life or ministry. Even we speak of a good or a bad "name", referring rather to character than sound or significance. Among the Jews the name of their God was given the honor due to the deity, hence it was never pronounced. Christ manifested God's name by displaying His attributes in His life and conduct.

So, before Jesus was even born, His character, His life and ministry, was described by two designations:

1. Yeshua = "God delivers or saves"
2. Emmanuel = "God with us"

Jesus displayed His Father's character fully. His life and ministry accomplished the task for which He was commissioned by the Father. Both designations – "Yeshua" and "Emmanuel" – fit perfectly and were completely fulfilled.

John 19:30 (first, then the context)

25 Now there stood beside the cross of Jesus His mother and the sister of His mother, Mary of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 Jesus, then, perceiving His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing by, is saying to His mother, "Woman, lo! your son!"

27 Thereafter He is saying to the disciple, "Lo! your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own.

28 After this, Jesus, **being aware that all is already accomplished, that the scripture may be perfected [finished]**, is saying, "I thirst!"

29 Now a vessel lay there distended with vinegar. Sticking a sponge, then, distended with vinegar, on hyssop, they carry it to His mouth.

30 When, then, Jesus took the vinegar, He said, "It is accomplished!" And reclining His head, He gives up the spirit.

Accomplish is the same Greek word as "finish," and yet the CLNT does not render the word finish, because of its form. Here's an example of the difference: Paul **finished** his career (2 Timothy 4:7) – it ended, whereas Jesus essentially declared that his task – his mission – was *accomplished*. Finish has the sense of cessation, while accomplish has a different sense of a task completed, or a thing achieved. It is seemingly a subtle difference, I admit, but we're into the subtleties.

Follow me for just a few minutes, while I propose something, and see if it bears witness in your spirit:

Jesus – Yeshua – was commissioned (sent) by the Father; He came **IN HIS NAME!**:

John 17

3 Now it is eonian life that they may know Thee, the only true God, and **Him Whom Thou dost commission, Jesus Christ. (Yeshua Ha Mashiach)**

4 "I glorify Thee on the earth, finishing the work which Thou hast given Me, that I should be doing it.

5 "And now glorify Thou Me, Father, with Thyself, with the glory which I had before the world is with Thee.

6 **I manifest Thy name** to the men whom Thou givest Me out of the world. Thine they were, and to Me Thou givest them, and **Thy word they have kept.**

7 Now they know that all, whatever Thou hast given Me, is from Thee,

8 for the declarations which Thou hast given Me, I have given them, and they took them, and know truly that I came out from Thee, and they believe that thou dost commission Me.

...

11 Holy Father, **keep them in Thy name**, in which Thou hast given them to Me, that they may be one, according as We are.

It may seem odd to look at such a common and simple word as “in,” but it turns out that the word, “in” means a **location**. When Jesus said, “*Holy Father, keep them in Thy name,*” in John 17:11, he was locating the disciples “in” the Father – that is “in” His name.

Acts 4:

12 ...there is no salvation **in** any other one, for **neither is there any other name**, given under heaven among men, **in which** we must be saved."

John 14:6

6 Jesus is saying to him [Thomas], "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one is coming to the Father except **through** Me.

“through” denotes a channel or agent – Jesus, the Messiah, The Lord, The Holy One of Israel, The Father’s only begotten son, His “creative original,” is the exclusive agent of salvation out of death into life.

Philippians 2:

9 Wherefore, also, God highly exalts Him, and graces Him with **the name** that is above every name,

10 that **in the name of Jesus** every knee should be bowing, celestial and terrestrial and subterranean,

11 and every tongue should be acclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord, for the glory of God, the Father.

Ephesians 1:

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who blesses us with every spiritual blessing among the celestials, **in Christ**,

4 according as He [*the Father*] chooses us **in Him** [*that is, IN CHRIST*] before the disruption of the world, we to be holy and flawless **in His sight**,

5 **in love** designating us beforehand for the place of a son for Him **through** Christ Jesus [*this is, Christ is the channel or agent of the Father’s designating us beforehand for the place of a son or daughter*]

; **in accord** with the delight of His [*the Father’s*] will,

6 for the laud of the glory of His [*the Father’s*] grace, which graces us **in the Beloved**: [*the location of the Father’s grace is Christ Jesus!*]

7 **in Whom** we are having the **deliverance through** His blood,

Deliverance = “from Loosening” – “the **full fruition** of a ransom or redemption”
Thayer: “a releasing or liberation effected or procured by the payment of a ransom.”
I especially noted that the word includes “the full fruition” – our “from-loosening”; this release or liberation is a completed work. Nothing else needs to be done – in fact, nothing else CAN be done!

the forgiveness of offenses in accord [*in agreement*] with the riches of His [*the Father's*] grace,

8 which He [*the Father*] lavishes on us

[*it superabounds – it comes in abundance and overflows on us*]; **in all wisdom and prudence** [*understanding*]

9 making known to us the secret of His [*the Father's*] will

[*for the secret, you have to skip Paul's long parenthesis and jump to verse 10*]

(in accord with His [*the Father's*] delight

[*that is, to have a good opinion, to think it good, the NIV reads "His good pleasure."*

Delight has the article in front of it, in other words there is no other delight, good opinion or good pleasure that matters! This delight is HIS. It is exclusive to The Father!],

which He [*the Father*] purposed in Him [*Christ*])

10 to have an administration of the complement of the eras,

IOW: to have an orderly arrangement for the management of affairs – oversight of that which fills the seasons other's property – When people say that God has a plan, we're looking into part of it right here, and it has been kept a secret – it has been hidden up until the time Paul revealed what the Lord revealed to Him...

Here's the secret:

to head up [the] all in the Christ -- both that in the heavens and that on the earth –

11 in Him in Whom [*Christ*] our lot was cast also, being designated beforehand

according to the purpose of the One Who is operating [the] all in accord with the counsel of His [the] will,

We have looked into this before, but let's let it sear into us thoroughly: our lot was cast in Christ – that is IN HIS NAME! We were designated – predetermined, foreordained – before ANYTHING...when the Father made the plan, He conceived us, He conceived our lives and He left no detail out. The Father did all of this according to His purpose – that is the ultimate result that agrees with the counsel of His will. The Father did not seek a second opinion; His counsel is sufficient unto Himself. Again the word "will" has the article before it. This is THE will – it is specific to the Father here. There is no other:

Isaiah 45:5, 45:6, 45:18

"I am the Lord, and there is no other."

Isaiah 45:22, 46:9

"I am God, and there is no other."

12 that we should be for the laud [*applause*] of His glory, who are **pre-expectant in the Christ**.

We are for the applause of the Father's glory – that's why we race toward the prize, as Paul wrote in Philippians – we who are "pre-expectant" (we are expecting everything that is **located** in Christ – salvation, resurrection or translation at His coming, the glorified body, to be seated in the celestials, to know as we are known; to see as we are seen, and there to be with the Lord, before everyone else, actually, while the rest of God's eonian purpose plays out!

There is more in Paul's letter to the Ephesians that pours the most massive foundation for this truth of being located IN Christ Jesus! As I look afresh at scriptures we have read dozens of times, together and separately, I feel like Paul in **Romans 33:**

33 O, the depth of the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How inscrutable are His judgments, and untraceable His ways!

34 For, who knew the mind of the Lord? or, who became His adviser?

35 or, who gives to Him first, and it will be repaid Him?

36 seeing that out of Him and through Him and for Him is all: to Him be the glory for the eons! Amen!

And I feel like David in **Psalms 139:6...**

"Such knowledge is marvelous beyond me; It is impregnable; I cannot reach to it."

While we're looking at this realization of being located IN Christ Jesus, I'd like to continue for just a moment in Psalm 139, because something struck me a couple of weeks ago, during one of our Sunday evening gatherings, that made me practically come out of my skin.

Psalms 139:13 – in the last part of the verse is something I completely missed, even four weeks ago when we studied Heaven's View versus our View, and we read through Psalm 139, also using the CLV. Here it is in the NIV:

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

The CLV reads: "**You overshadowed me in my mother's womb.**"

During that Sunday evening meeting, I recalled the words the messenger, Gabriel used, when he told Mary what would happen.

Let's look at it in **Luke 1:**

30 And the messenger said to her, "Fear not, Miriam, for you found favor with God.

31 And lo! you shall be conceiving and be pregnant and be bringing forth a Son, and you shall be calling His name Jesus.

32 He shall be great, and Son of the Most High shall He be called. And the Lord God shall be giving Him the throne of David,

33 His father, and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for the eons. And of His kingdom there shall be no consummation."

34 Yet Miriam said to the messenger, "How shall this be, since I know not a man?"

35 And answering, the messenger said to her, "Holy spirit shall be coming on you, and the power of the Most High shall be **overshadowing** you; wherefore also the holy One Who is being generated shall be called the Son of God.

The Concordant version is especially helpful here, because the word used in Psalm 139:13 and Luke 1:35 is the same. Psalms was written in Hebrew, and the Messenger would have spoken to Mary in Hebrew or Aramaic. Luke is recounting a story he could

not have known on his own. He had to have been inspired by the Holy Spirit, as did all writers of scripture.

Here's Thayer's writing about "overshadow," which also appears in the KJV:

txt. WH]; fut. ἐπισκιάσω; 1 aor. ἐπεσκίασα; *to throw a shadow upon, to envelop in shadow, to overshadow*: τινί, Acts v. 15. From a vaporous cloud that casts a shadow the word is transferred to a shining cloud surrounding and enveloping persons with brightness: τινά, Mt. xvii. 5; Lk. ix. 34; τινί, Mk. ix. 7. Tropically, of the Holy Spirit exerting creative energy upon the womb of the virgin Mary and impregnating it, (a use of the word which seems to have been drawn from the familiar O. T. idea of a cloud as symbolizing the immediate presence and power of God): with the dat.

Stay with me and see if you can make this connection: If the Father overshadowed David in his mother's womb, and overshadowed Jesus in His mother's womb, does it bear witness in your spirit that the Father also overshadowed you and me in our mothers' wombs?

The point of all this is to further demonstrate our location IN CHRIST!

Now go back to **John 17:11**

11 Holy Father, **keep them in Thy name**, in which Thou hast given them to Me, that they may be one, according as We are.

AS an aside, I found one other instance of the word "overshadow," and it appears in **Acts 5:**

12 Now through the hands of the apostles many signs and miracles occurred among the people. And they were all, with one accord, in the portico of Solomon.

13 Now of the rest, no one dared to join them, but the people magnify them,

14 yet, rather, there were added of those believing the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

15 so that they are carrying out the infirm into the squares also, and placing them on cots and pallets, that, at Peter's coming, if ever even his shadow should be

overshadowing any of them.

From the discussion that followed the main study, Laura recalled a scripture which she uses often in speaking and ministering to people:

Colossians 3:3

your life is **hid** together with Christ in God

Again we see here a literal **PLACE IN** God, the Father, a place that has our lives “HID” in the Father, together with Christ Himself.