

Phil. 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him **a name which is above every name:**

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for **there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

Prov. 18:10 **The name of the LORD is a strong tower:** the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Psa. 34:3 O magnify the LORD with me, and **let us exalt his name together.**

After observing over twenty variations of God's name regarding Jehovah, we moved last week to the title LAST ADAM. Tonight, we consider Rev. 1:5 which contains several titles of Christ, but we will only focus upon one...

THE FAITHFUL WITNESS

Rev. 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is **the faithful witness***, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

I. THE EXAMPLE OF THE SAVIOR

A. The Identification of the Savior, 1:5a “And from Jesus Christ, *who is* **the faithful witness**, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth...”

❖ The Lord Jesus has always been, and will always be “the faithful witness.”

Jer. 42:5 Then they said to Jeremiah, **The LORD be a true and faithful witness** between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us.

❖ Whatever the Lord Jesus has shown us to be truth, we know that He is faithful to fulfill.

Heb. 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was impossible for God to lie*, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

19 *Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast*, and which entereth into that within the veil;

B. The Identification by the Savior, 1:5b-6 “...Unto him that **loved us**, and **washed us** from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath **made us** kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

❖ The “faithful witness” from the Lord is a revelation of His power to all believers.

❖ Note the order:

1. “loved us” = compassion
2. “washed us” = cleansing
3. “made us” = commitment

II. THE EXPECTATION FOR SUCCESS

Prov. 14:5 **A faithful witness** will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

A. Believers are to be a witness like the Savior

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

ALL THE TIME – EVERYWHERE

B. Believers are to be waiting with the Savior

1 Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and **be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you** with meekness and fear:

- ❖ The sower sows, cannot produce the fruit himself and must wait until the harvest to reap.
- ❖ The seed is only dependent upon the sower to sow, the results are conditional upon the soils.
- ❖ The style of sowing is not given – just plant the seeds everywhere.

III. THE EXERCISE OF THE SAVED

A. Sowing the Seed Intentionally

Mark 4:3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower
to sow:

14 **The sower soweth the word.**

- ❖ There is nothing mentioned about the sower's background, clothing, personality, etc.
- ❖ The sower was focused about getting the seed to all soils.

B. Sowing the Seed Indiscriminately

- ❖ “...as he sowed, some fell by the way side...”
- ❖ “...some fell on stony ground...”
- ❖ “...some fell among thorns...”
- ❖ “...other fell on good ground...”

C. Sowing the Seed Ignorantly

Luke 4:26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, **he knoweth not how.**

- ❖ The sower does not need to know how the germination works – he leaves it to the Lord to produce the fruit.

1 Cor. 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; **but God gave the increase.**

7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; **but God that giveth the increase.**

❖ The sower just sows the seed – the emphasis is not on the sower but on the seed.

1 Pet. 1:23 **Being born again**, not of corruptible seed, **but of incorruptible, by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Isa 55:11 **So shall my word be** that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but **it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

Summary

Jn. 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

Jn. 12:21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, **Sir, we would see Jesus.**

Jn. 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and **for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.** Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

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Conclusion

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.