“The Name Above All Names
Philippians 2: 5-11

Intro.: In a few minutes I am going to ask many of you to make a decision that will affect the rest of your life. I am going to ask saved people to…backslidden people to…lost people to… Your first response might be “Why should I…?” I want to share with you five reasons why…
-“There is a name I love to hear,
  I love to sing its worth.
  It sounds like music in mine ear,
  The sweetest name on earth…”

“O, for a thousand tongues to sing,
My great Redeemer’s Praise,
The Glories Of My God and King,
The Triumphs Of His Grace.”

“I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His Glory, of Jesus and His love…”

“There is something about that name…”

There has never been another like Jesus.
-Human and yet Divine,
-Wounded by Satan and yet crushed Satan
-The judge who was falsely convicted
-He died and yet He lived
-He did no sin, yet He became sin
-The Truth, accused of lying
-The Lion who became a Lamb

The Scripture tells us that the name of Jesus is the only name given among men whereby we must be saved, Acts 4:12. The name of Jesus is above all names because it is…

I. A Selfless Name, vss. 6-7.
-Jesus left Heaven for you! His name was Heaven’s sweetest sound. His praise was Heaven’s most marvelous melody. His presence was Heaven’s most glorious attraction.
-Jesus came to this sinful world for you! Why? Because of what He saw! He saw our hopelessness, our helplessness, our homelessness!
-Jesus put on our humanity, took upon himself our likeness! Why? Because of His Personal, Powerful interest in you and me.
Song: “No one ever cared for me like Jesus”
Illustration: In the late 1980’s, Beulah Lund, a 50-year-old mother of four from Deer Park, Washington, married to a successful contractor and lived on a 171-acre farm, visited Washington, D.C. She became haunted by images of the homeless. She took a crash course on street survival, spent nine days in the streets and shelters of Washington, D.C. She ate from trashcans, washed her clothes at public fountains, dried her clothes on the spotlights to the Washington Monument. She was threatened with a pair of scissors to her throat, she slept in cardboard boxes. She then returned to Washington, D.C. to become an effective advocate for the homeless. (People Weekly, Feb. 16, 1987).

“Jesus Sought me
When a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God,
He to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.”

“No one ever cared for me like Jesus…”
His name is…

II. A Suffering Name, vs. 8, “…. even the death of the cross…” The cruelest death for a man to die!

-Dr. R.G. Lee used to say, “The cross is the only place where you can see the full measure of the love of God for sinners.”

-Describe the cruelty, the crime, and the curse of the cross! The background: Phoenician sailors nailed rats to the deck of their ships for sport. The Romans embraced crucifixion as a means of controlling run-a-way slaves. The pain, pathos, and 

-The agony of the physical suffering of the cross…

-The trial, beating, crowning with thorns, scourging, mocking… Isaiah 52, “His visage was marred more than any man…”

-The crucifixion…the pain, the difficulty breathing, the shame, the thirst, the weight of the sins of all mankind…my sins…your sins…

-Song: ”There is a fountain filled with blood…”

-Song: ”None of the ransomed ever knew how deep were the waters crossed, nor how dark the night the Lord passed through ere he found his sheep that was lost…”

-Song: “I will sing of my Redeemer, of His wonderous love for me. How He left His home in Glory for the cross of Calvary.

-The anguish of the spiritual suffering… All of the wrath of God for sin was poured out on Jesus who became sin for us! He alone bore the full penalty for our sins.
-He was rejected so we would not have to be rejected.
-He was cursed so that we would not have to be cursed.
-He was deserted so that we might never be deserted.
-He bore our hell so that we would never have to go to hell.
The name of Jesus is…

III. A Sufficient Name, vs. 9, “Wherefore…”
Jesus is the basis for our…
- **Victory:** “Having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them, triumphing over them in the cross,” Col. 2:15. Jesus broke sin’s bow, shattered sin’s spear, conquered sin’s curse… **-Song:** “He breaks the power of cancelled sin and sets the prisoner free. His blood can make the vilest clean. His blood avails for me.”
- **Reconciliation:** The veil in the Temple was rent from the top to the bottom. Illus.: WWII, little boy lost in London after bombing. An English Bobbie (policeman) asked if he knew the way home. “No” he replied. “But sir” he said, “There is a church nearby with a cross at the top of the steeple.” “Sir, if you will take me to the cross I will find my way home from there.”
- **Atonement:** Covering… the blood of turtledoves and lambs was not enough. Song: “There’s Power In The Blood”. “The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.”
- **Purity:** “Be of sin the double cure, saved from wrath and make me pure.”
-It is at the cross where vagabonds are adopted into the family of God.
-It is at the cross where the hungry find the Bread of Life.
-It is at the cross where the thirsty find Living Water.
-It is at the cross where the condemned find pardon.
-It is at the cross where the troubled find peace.
- **Peace:** “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”, Romans 5:1.
The name of Jesus is…

IV. A Sovereign Name, vss. 9-10.
-He is LORD! A mystery to the world, a manifold truth for the believer. He is Lord because of…
A. **His Nature.**
-He is the Creator. S.M. Lockeridge said it well. “He did not have to take out a copyright on the songs the birds sing. He is Lord! He designed every mountain, valley, river, stream, and ocean. He is the architect of eternity. He is the artist of the ages. He painted every sunrise and every sunset!”
-He is Unparalleled and Unprecedented
-He is Irresistible and Irreplacable
-He is Indescribable and Incomprehensible
-He is Unique and Unfathomable

**Name?** In my Mother’s side, I am Jesus.
On my Father’s side, I am Emmanuel.

**Home?** On my mother’s side, I was born in Bethlehem and raised in Nazareth.
On my Father’s side, my home is in Glory.
Age? On my mother’s side I am a baby, a 12-year-old boy, and a 32 ½ year old man. On my Father’s side, I am The Ancient of Days. I am without beginning of days or ending of days.

Occupation? On my mother’s side I am a carpenter. On my Father’s side I am the Kinsman Redeemer.

Family? On my mother’s side, I have brothers and sisters. On my Father’s side, I am the Only Begotten Of the Father, The Son of God.

When? On my mother’s side, I was. On my Father’s side, I am. HE IS LORD!

B. His Name.

AMEN                  DESIRE OF THE NATIONS
ALPHA                 HELL’S DREAD & HEAVEN’S WONDER
ALMIGHTY              DANIEL’S LION TAMER
ADVOCATE              DEAREST OF TEN
ANOINTED              THOUSAND TO MY SOUL
ANCESTOR OF DAYS       HEAD OF THE CHURCH
AUTHOR AND FINISHER    HEIR OF ALL THINGS
ATONEMENT FOR SIN      HOPE, HELPER
ARRESTOR OF THE STORM  HEALER
BRIDGE TO HEAVEN       HIGH PRIEST
BISHOP OF OUR SOULS    IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD
BRIDEGROOM            I AM
BALM OF GILEAD         IMMORTAL ONE
BEHELEHEM’S BABE       INFINITE ONE
BELOVED SON            INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS
BURDEN-BEARER         JESUS
BRIGHT AND             JUSTIFIER
MORNING STAR          JUDGE
BLOOD OF THE          JOY
EVERLASTING           JUBILEE
COVENANT              KEEPER OF THE KEYS
BREAD OF LIFE          KINSMAN REDEEMER
BRIGHTNESS OF THE      KING OF KINGS
FATHER’S GLORY        LOVE OF MY SOUL
CAPTAIN OF THE        LORD OF LORDS
CONQUERORS            LAMB
CHRIST                LIGHT
COUNSELOR             LIFE
COMFORTER             LAWGIVER
CREATOR               LIBERATOR
CORNERSTONE           LILY OF THE VALLEY
CRUCIFIED ONE         LIVING STONE
CITY OF REFUGE

DAYSTAR
DOOR
DELIVERER OF THE CAPTIVES

GATEWAY TO GLORY

He is Lord!
MIGHTY GOD  
MIRACLE WORKER  
MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN  
NAZERITE  
NEW COVENANT  
NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES  
OMEGA  
OFFERING OF GOD  
OBEDIENT SON  
OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS  
ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF THE FATHER  
PROPHET  
PRIEST  
PROPITIATION  
PASSOVER LAMB  
PRINCE OF PEACE  
PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT  
PILLAR OF CLOUD BY DAY  
PROVIDER  
QUIETER OF THE STORM  
QUICK AND POWERFUL WORD OF GOD  
REDEEMER  
ROCK OF AGES  
REFUGE  
REFINER’S FIRE  
RULER OF THE NATIONS  
RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE  
ROSE OF SHARON  
ROOT OF DAVID  
RETURNING KING  
RIDER OF THE WHITE HORSE  
RESTORER OF ALL WHICH IS LOST  
REIGNING LORD  
SAVIOR  
SUFFERING SERVANT  
STONE  
SACRIFICE  
SINLESS ONE  
SHEPHERD  
SON OF RIGHTEOUSNESS  
SON OF GOD  
SON OF MAN  
TREE OF LIFE  
TABERNACLE  
TEACHER  
TRUTH  
UNCTION OF THE SPIRIT  
VINE  
VICTORIOUS ONE  
WAY  
WITNESS  
WONDERFUL WORD  
WISDOM  
YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER  
ZION'S RIGHTEOUS PRINCE  

“All hail the power of Jesus’ name,  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.”

The Name of Jesus is…

V. A Saving Name, Acts 4:12  
-Romans 10:13, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

- John 1:12, “But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.”

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