Jesus Christ—What a Name
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I. Introduction.

    A. Text: Luke 1.

    B. Jesus' birth was a birth unlike any other.

    C. God gave Jesus the name that is above every name. (Philippians 2)

II. The announcement about Jesus' identity as the King of Israel would be fulfilled in both the present and the future.

III. The name of Jesus would have been very special to Mary and should be special to us. The person who uses the name of Jesus Christ profanely will give an account to Jesus someday.

IV. What the name of the Lord Jesus should mean to all of us.

    A. Atonement. Without Jesus is only death—we have no hope for the future. Without Jesus Christ, there is nothing. (Acts 4)

    B. Access. Jesus is the doorway to heaven. He is the way through the barrier of sin to our relationship with God. (John 14:6)

    C. Adoption. This is the way that you and I became members of the family of the Lord Jesus (Ephesians 1:5). God adopts us in Christ and not our behavior, promises, or goodness. (John 1, Colossians 1, Romans 8)

    D. Assurance. God intends for us to be assured in our salvation.

    E. Advocate. Jesus is the one who is on our side and is our defender when we struggle. Jesus continually cleanses us from all sin. (John 20, I John 5:13, I John 2:1-2)

    F. Authority. There is none like Him. Jesus is our authority now.

    G. Assistance. The Holy Spirit is sent in the name of Jesus. When a person has Christ, he has everything (Colossians 2). There is no substitute for Jesus. (John 14:26)

    H. Answer to our prayers. If a person comes to the Father with the authority of Jesus, he can expect answered prayers. (John 14)

V. When you have Jesus, you have everything. Contentment and joy will fill a person's heart when he receives Jesus.

Application questions:

1. Why is it important that we use the name of the Lord Jesus reverently?

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2. Which aspects of the Lord Jesus stand out to you the most? What strikes you about it?

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3. How can you be more reverent whenever you use or hear the name of the Lord Jesus this week in a practical and provable way? Explain.

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