

## What's In A Name

Welcome to Harvest Community Church

Series: He Is

**Text: Exodus 3:13-15, John 8:58**

~ William Shakespeare- "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet"

God has many names and titles; no matter what you call Him, HE IS still God.

When God told Moses to lead the people of Israel out of bondage Moses asked God "who do I tell them you are?" God said, "I AM WHO I AM. Tell them I AM".

God knows who He is. He Is the eternally existent one, the God of Heaven and Earth. God's own people needed a revelation of who I AM, is.

A revelation of God will change everything about our life. It will affect our faith, our obedience and our approach to life. He is our all in all.

**Colossians 3:11**

This recognition of who He is, is the first step in knowing Him. Those who know His name will know Him, and those who truly know Him will trust Him. **Psalm 9:10**

To know Him we must seek Him., pursue Him, and desire to truly know Him not just about Him.

For the Christian everything in life pales in comparison to knowing God. **Philippians 3:8-10**

This revelation is a personal experience that is real, relevant, passionate and on-going.

To truly know God requires the desire and investment of time to gain this revelation.

**Psalm 46:10**

Be still. One of the enemies of the believer is constant motion. It is hard to hear, listen and know in commotion. Constant busy-ness is the enemy of revelation.

His name is the source of safety and security. **Proverbs 18:10** But you must know who He is.

Knowing Him brings eternal life. **John 17:3, 1 John 5:20**

Names are important. They have meaning. Names have significance and this is certainly true of God. Understanding the meaning and the origin of a name explains a great deal about a person, their personality and their purpose. The Bible ascribes many names to God.

Our English language translates His name God or Lord. The original languages, the Hebrew and the Greek are more specific in describing and revealing the truth about our God.

In order to truly know God you must understand His name. There is a world of difference between knowing Him and knowing about Him.

## His Name Reveals Four Key Things:

His character

His personality

His attributes

His relationship to us

Each of His names reveals Him as a person. God is one God revealing Himself in three persons not three personalities. He is not schizophrenic. God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), God the Holy Spirit. This is what we call the Trinity. **Matthew 3:16-17**

God revealed Himself to Moses as I am. **Exodus 3:14** The word in Hebrew is Yahweh it is usually translated Jehovah or Lord. It means to be - literally, He who always has been, is and will be. He who causes everything else to be.

**Acts 17:28**

He exists in nature but is not nature, He is the Creator. He created our human nature. We are created in His image. **Genesis 1:27** We were not created with a sin nature. **Romans 1:20** He is all in all. **Colossians 3:11** – *but Christ all and in all.*

## Three Names of God That Describe His Nature

- 1) He is Omnipresent or present everywhere in the entire world and throughout time. **Psalm 139:7-12, Genesis 1:1, John 1:1-4** He is the uncaused cause.

He is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.

***Revelation 1:8 – I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending says the Lord, which is, which was, and which is to come, the Almighty***

The sheer magnitude of God is remarkable. He is the First and the Last and everything in between. He is all that.

He is timeless. When we pray in the name of Jesus are we missing the fullness of the ability behind it? He is the One before creation and the conclusion of all things. Nothing exists before Him, after Him, or without Him. He is the Author and the Finisher of our faith.

In **Ezekiel 48:35** He is Jehovah-Shamah or the Lord is ever there with you. Jesus was called Emmanuel or God with us. **Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23**

He promises to never leave us or forsake us. **Hebrews 13:5, Psalm 46:1**

He is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. **Proverbs 18:24**

While God is everywhere He does not dwell everywhere. Only when He enters into relationship is He said to dwell (abide) with them. **John 15:4-5**

Because of this promise we never have to be lonely. This also reminds us to be mindful. **Proverbs 15:3**

2) He is Omnipotent or all powerful. He is Almighty God. **Jeremiah 32:17**

This involves three areas:

His might, His power and His sufficiency.

In Hebrew He is El Shaddai, or the All Sufficient One. **Genesis 17:1-2, Psalm 91:1**

This emphasizes God's might over and against the frailty of man. He is capable of being all that we need. **2 Corinthians 12:9- My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.**

This is a comfort because it reminds us that God is in control. When we see obstacles and problems, He is bigger than them all. Recognizing His power can eliminate our fear and increase our faith. We are to look to His strength and not our weakness. Instead of majoring on our minors we can concentrate on His ability. **Psalm 8:3-4**

Because He is Almighty, nothing is impossible with Him. **Mark 10:27- For with God all things are possible.** **1 Corinthians 1:24, Ephesians 3:20**

Four Greek words which Describe Christ as the Power of God

- Dunamis- extraordinary force or supernatural miracle working power. He is our source. Jesus is our miracle. **Matthew 13:53-58, 1 Corinthians 1:18**
- Exousia- authority or mastery. He is Lord. **Matthew 28:18** - This is the power to overcome.
- Ischus- sheer strength (dominion) in that nothing can withstand Him. **Revelation 5:12, 1 Peter 4:11, 2 Thessalonians 1:9, Ephesians 6:10, Ephesians 1:19**
- Magaleitoes (Magnificence) - He is our majesty. The Glory and the lifter of our head. He is over all. **Luke 9:42-43, Hebrews 8:1, 2 Peter 1:16**

3) He is Omniscient – He is all knowing. His knowledge and understanding are perfect. He knows the past, present and future.

Since He knows all, He is our greatest source of comfort, direction and help.

**Psalm 147:4-5, Romans 11:33, 1 John 3:20**

Because He knows all things, He is all wise. God always does the right thing at the right time in the right way.

Jesus is the wisdom of God. **Colossians 2:2-3** He has the power to apply His knowledge so that the best possible purposes are realized by the best possible means.

He is Sovereign. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Sovereign is who and What He is. He alone understands His ways. **Proverbs 11:33, Isaiah 55:8-9**

Because HE IS all Power – Full, All-Knowing, Always Present we can trust Him even when we don't understand. When we don't trust God's sovereignty, we take the choice of what is left, our choices or chance. **Jeremiah 29:11**

It is vital to understand that our God knows everything that there is to know. We could never write enough books to cover all that He knows and all that He is. He is the source of all wisdom, knowledge and understanding. He knows all the answers to all of life's questions and then some. God is never surprised, worried or bewildered. He is aware of everything and everyone and every thought, past, present and future.

He knows everything about us; our desires, thoughts, motives, disappointments, cares and even the number of hairs on our head or missing from our head.

He is always dependable.