### **Bible Names that Describe the Jesus in You**

The Spirit of Jesus lives in every human who surrenders themselves to his lordship. "Whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit." (1) We do not become Jesus and Jesus doesn't become us. However, his dynamic life imparts life to our spirits which were formerly dead because of sin! When Jesus' Spirit moves into our dead human spirit, we experience what Scripture calls the "new birth."

Isaiah 9:6 lists several descriptive names to the Jesus who lives in us. Knowing these names builds our faith in his commitment to helping us. Our reliance on his help builds our confidence in our ability to live victoriously no matter what goes on around us. Instead of succumbing to defeat, discouragement, hopelessness or confusion, we stand fast with confidence in the Jesus who dwells in us.

### The Jesus in Us is "Wonderful" (2)

The Hebrew word for wonderful means "a miracle, miraculous thing, a wonder or great." (3) All these adjectives describe the Jesus who moved into your spirit the moment of your new birth! The word impossible never deters Jesus from doing or being anything. "All things are possible with God." (4) "With God all things are possible." (5)

"Wonderful" means to be full of wonders. "Wonders" exceeds human comprehension and therefore are inexplicable; wonders are extraordinary or superior to the usual. Well, since all things are possible with God, we can afford to go beyond our human understanding and expect better than the best and more than the most.

When Delores and I chose to leave a very prosperous church we had pastored for 15 years, move to Houston and prepare for ministry in Southeast Asia, we needed miracles. Approximately two weeks after moving to Houston, I woke up one morning about 1 a.m. I couldn't sleep—I was terrified. What had I done? How did I ever expect to make it to Southeast Asia without a national missions department supporting us? Since I couldn't sleep, I arose, walked to our living room, sat on the couch and began worrying. Worry was conquering me that

morning, but the Lord, the Wonderful Counselor, asked me a question. "Are you going to live by my promises or your explanations?" I thought about the question for a while and then looked up and said to the Lord, "I am going to live by your promises and not my explanations." Total peace immediately enveloped me. I returned to bed, slept the rest of the night and the rest is history. We not only ministered in several Southeast Asian countries, but also pastored in Japan.

Friend, I don't know what miracle you need. I can't imagine the disappointment you feel. But I can recommend that you turn your attention to the God of wonders who lives in you. Quit trying to figure life out and depend on the Spirit of Jesus who lives in you to perform miracles for you and your family. He appointed you a winner, not a loser!

### The Jesus in Us is "Counselor" (6)

The God who created the first humans immediately began counseling them about life. "Counsel" means "to warn, instruct, admonish, and guide."

In the biographical sketches of Jesus, he is often referred to as *teacher*. In fact, Jesus was the ultimate Teacher whose instructions guide us, warn us and cheer our hearts. Not only does Jesus counsel us through the Holy Spirit, but he provided the Bible for us. This book offers direction from our Creator which shields us from falsehood and keeps us on the path of divine truth. Jesus' words in John 14:6 are so reassuring. "I am the...truth....No one comes to the Father except through me." Notice that Jesus did not say, "I teach the truth," but, "I am truth." He is the personification of eternal divine truth!

We rest in Jesus! Every human teaching that disagrees with Jesus is a lie. Every human teaching that substitutes anything for Jesus is wicked. So we rest in the Jesus who is the embodiment of truth, eternal truth that doesn't change according to convenience or selfish ambition. Everything we need for victory lies in Jesus, the wonderful Counselor!

# The Jesus in Us is "Mighty God" (7)

Humans find it so easy to concentrate on personal weaknesses. That's understandable since we are so prone to every kind of emotional, physical, spiritual and all other types of deficiencies.

But the Jesus who moves into our spirits is "mighty God." True, our Lord Jesus surrendered himself to human weakness and died a horrible death. But he was raised from the dead and seated at heavenly Father's right hand! There is no frailty whatsoever in the man Christ Jesus whose Spirit lives in us.

Listen to what Scripture says about God's children. Through Jesus "we are more than conquerors" in everything that happens to us. <sup>(8)</sup> The Spirit of the Ruler of the universe brought his conquering power into God's children. He is undefeatable so we are winners because of his presence in us.

While in prison the apostle Paul declared, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." (9) Can you imagine that? A prisoner of the Roman Empire saying he can do everything? Paul's words "through him" are the key to this seemingly absurd statement. However, Paul's declaration is not absurd because it stands on the "mighty God" whose Spirit indwelt Paul's human spirit. Guess what? You can make the same statement about yourself. You are God's child because the Spirit of Jesus dwells in you. Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, so train yourself to expect to be a winner! (10)

## The Jesus in Us is "Everlasting Father" (11)

Jesus is not heavenly Father and heavenly Father is not Jesus. They are two different persons of the Trinity which includes heavenly Father, Christ Jesus and Holy Spirit. But in Isaiah 9:6, "father" refers to Jesus as the Provider, the Guardian and the Creator of everything. Colossians 1:16 points out, "By [Jesus] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, all things have been created through him and for him." Heavenly Father, eternal Christ and Holy Spirit worked as a unit bringing creation into being.

As Creator of everything, the eternal Christ Jesus is "sustaining all things by his powerful word." (12) Like any faithful father, the everlasting Jesus watches over us, blesses us, protects us, guides us, comforts us and carries out God's will in us and through us. He cannot and will not let us down because "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (13) This "everlasting Father" promises that "never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." (14) Therefore, the presence of this "everlasting Father" in us fills us with the boldness to proclaim, "the Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid." (15) Praise be to the Lord who is our victory!

### The Jesus in Us is "Prince of Peace" (16)

The Hebrew word for "prince" refers to "a head person, captain or chief, a ruler." (17) So the inner peace that God plants in us cannot be taken from us by anyone or anything in the universe. Jesus is Prince, Head Person, Captain or Chief Ruler of peace in us. No enemy of our indwelling peace can overcome our Prince of Peace! He always wins and cannot lose. His presence equips us with a peace that does not originate in us or around us. This peace is beyond human comprehension because this peace is the Person Christ Jesus! He doesn't change, he isn't unreliable because Jesus "is the same yesterday and today and forever." (18)

These Bible names that describe the Jesus in us fill us with super human ability to stand strong in all circumstances!

#### Footnotes

- 1. 1 Corinthians 6:17
- 2. Isaiah 9:6
- 3. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance
- 4. Mark 10:27
- 5. Matthew 19:26
- 6. Isaiah 9:6
- 7. Ibid
- 8. Romans 8:37
- 9. Philippians 4:13

- 10. 1 Corinthians 3:16
- 11. Isaiah 9:6
- 12. Hebrews 1:3
- 13. Matthew 28:18
- 14. Hebrews 13:5
- 15. Hebrews 13:6
- 16. Isaiah 9:6
- 17. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance
- 18. Hebrews 13:8

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