The Name

God of Gods, Part 6 · Acts 4:12 · Pastor Christopher Graham

Read it. Talk about it. Live it.

Overview

In the final message of our *God of Gods* series, Pastor Christopher Graham took us to Acts 4:12. Peter stood before the Sanhedrin, the same council that had handed Jesus over to be crucified, and declared that salvation is found in one name and one name only. Throughout the Old Testament God revealed His character a little at a time, through names tied to His people's needs. But He never gave an image to worship. In the fullness of time, He gave a name: Jesus, the name above every name.

KEY SCRIPTURE

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

READ TOGETHER

- Acts 4:5–12 (Peter before the council)
- Exodus 3:13–15 (God reveals Himself to Moses as I AM)
- Philippians 2:9–11 (the name above every name)

Discussion Questions

GETTING STARTED

1. Does your name have a meaning or a story behind it? How much does a name tell you about a person?

NO OTHER NAME

1. Peter spoke Acts 4:12 to the same council that had condemned Jesus. What does his boldness teach us about speaking the name of Jesus when it isn't popular?
2. Pastor Graham said other gods can offer "good vibes," an idol, an image to bow to, or an ideology to kill for, but not salvation. Where do you see people looking for salvation in other things today?

3. Someone tells you, "We all serve the same God, we just call Him different names." How would you answer them with grace, using Acts 4:12?

CALL HIM BY WHAT YOU NEED

In the Old Testament, God's people tied His name to their need:

- **Jehovah-Jireh**, the Lord will provide (Genesis 22:14)
- **Jehovah-Rapha**, the Lord who heals (Exodus 15:26)
- **Jehovah-Nissi**, the Lord my banner (Exodus 17:15)
- **Jehovah-Shalom**, the Lord is peace (Judges 6:24)
- **Jehovah-Raah**, the Lord my shepherd (Psalm 23:1)
- **Jehovah-Tsidkenu**, the Lord our righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6)
- **Jehovah-M'Kaddesh**, the Lord who sanctifies (Leviticus 20:8)
- **Jehovah-Shammah**, the Lord is there (Ezekiel 48:35)
- **Jehovah-Sabaoth**, the Lord of hosts (1 Samuel 1:3)

1. Which of these names speaks most to what you are walking through right now? Why?
2. God revealed most of these names in hard times, not easy ones. When has a difficult season shown you a side of God you didn't know before?
3. Pastor Graham reminded us that these are titles that describe God's character, but the one saving name is Jesus. Why does that difference matter?

HE KNOWS YOU BY NAME

1. "You don't know my circumstance. You don't know what I've been through." Have you ever felt that way toward God? What does it mean to you that He sees every burden and knows you by name?
2. God never gave Israel an image to worship, even when Moses asked to see His glory (Exodus 33:18–23). Why do you think God chose to reveal Himself through a name instead of a picture?
3. Pastor Graham said that if we are not convicted that there is no other saving name, we will not stand for it when the pressure comes. What helps you build that conviction?

Live It This Week

- Read Acts 3 and 4 and notice every time Peter and John point to "the name."
- Pick one name of God from the list above that fits your need. Pray it every day this week, and call on the name of Jesus.
- Think of one person who needs to hear about the only saving name. Pray for them by name, and invite them to church.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You that You are the same God You have always been, and that You are still near to everyone who calls on Your name. Thank You for revealing a name full of power, life and holiness. Settle in our hearts that there is no other name under heaven whereby we must be saved. Give us boldness to proclaim it and faith to call on it in every need. In Jesus' name, amen.

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