

One God and Father of all 11-1-15AM

The Great Name of God was revealed in Exodus 3:13-15. There God told Moses "I AM WHO I AM". In Hebrew this was "*Hyahyah*", which came to be written as YHWH (perhaps "Yahweh"). Often, because of the sacred nature of the name, translators substituted the Hebrews word "*Adonai*" (Lord) for it; when it was translated into English, the same syllables as Adonai were applied, and the German "J" and "w" were inserted, giving us the word "Jehovah"

God said to Moses that "*This is My memorial-name to all generations.*" Jehovah appears nearly 6000 times in the Old Testament. In our English Bibles translators follow the Hebrew tradition of substitution, so that most Bibles render it "LORD". But what is really remarkable is this: the word "Jehovah" does not appear even one time in the entire New Testament. The reason is this: God gave us a New Name and a New Relationship that is even greater than the special name Jehovah.

The NEW Name of God: First, we see in the New Testament that there is a new name for God: Revelation 3:12 *"He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and **My new name.**"* Second, we see that we too as God's people will receive a new name: Isaiah 62:2 *The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; and you will be called by a **new name** which the mouth of the LORD will designate.*

God's new covenant required a new name for God and for His people. The new name? "Jehovah Saves Us", which in Hebrew is YHWH *shwa*, or Yeshua. In Greek, it is the name **Jesus**. Acts 4:12 *"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."*

The NEW Relationship of God: God's new relationship is that of Father. This is why we would no longer to call Him by Name as a Subject. We call our fathers on earth by a name for father, not by their name, because we are so closely held by them. So it is with our God. The word FATHER is used 300+ times in the New Testament (for example, Galatians 4:6). It is notable that this is seldom used to describe God in the Old Testament. Even when it is used, some of those references were pointing to Jesus (Psalm 89:26, 1 Chronicles 22:10).

Our adoption by God through Grace is because of Jesus Christ. This is how we are able to call God our Father, a more special term than even His sacred memorial name. (Romans 8:15). Our adoption by Grace comes when we are baptized; at that moment we put on the Sonship of Jesus and cloth ourselves with Christ: Galatians 3:26-27 *"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."*