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ALMIGHTY	Revelation 1:8	Jesus is all-powerful.	Christ is the All-Powerful Lord. Nothing is beyond His reach or impossible for Him.	Mighty God, Mighty in Battle, Potentate, Power of God (Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 24:8; 1 Timothy 6:15; 1 Corinthians 1:24)
AUTHOR AND FINISHER	Hebrews 12:2	Jesus is our start and finish.	Jesus was at the beginning of creation and will be there to the end. He is both the author of all that is and the one who sees His creation through to the end.	Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, First and Last (Revelation 1:8; 21:6; 22:13)
BELOVED	Ephesians 1:6	Jesus is at the center of God's love.	Christ is the Beloved Son of the Father, and as such, the desire of all people who love God. All who love God will be drawn to Jesus.	Desire of all nations (Haggai 2:7) Associate of God (Zechariah 13:7)
BRANCH	Isaiah 11:1; Jeremiah 23:5; Zechariah 3:8; 6:12	Jesus is the shoot from David's line.	Jesus is the offshoot of the line of David and paradoxically also the root. He is the vine on which we depend for life and nourishment.	Nazarene (Netzer = Branch in Hebrew; Matthew 2:23; Isaiah 11:1) Root of David, Shoot, Vine (Revelation 5:5; Isaiah 11:10; 53:2; John 15:1)
BREAD OF LIFE	John 6:32-35	Jesus is our sustenance.	Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which means "the house of bread." He is our spiritual nourishment and the sustenance of the world. All things are kept alive by Him.	Living Bread (John 6:5) Living Water (John 7:37, 38)
BRIDEGROOM	Matthew 9:15; John 3:29; Rev. 21:9	Jesus leads and cares for us.	Jesus is the bridegroom and His church is the bride. He is the head of the church and cares for her.	Head of the Church (Ephesians 5:23) Head of the Body (Ephesians 4:15, 16)
BRIGHT MORNING STAR	Revelation 22:16	Jesus lights our way.	Jesus is the brightest star in the heavens and the Light of the World. We shall not lose our way in His light.	Day Star (2 Peter 1:19) Star (Numbers 24:17) Sunrise (Luke 1:78) Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2)
CARPENTER	Mark 6:3	Jesus is one of us.	Jesus, the creator of wood, became a worker of wood, and died on a cross of wood (Galatians 3:13) for us.	Carpenter's Son (Matthew 13:55)
CHOSEN ONE	Luke 23:35	Jesus is God's Chosen One.	Jesus is God's Chosen One, chosen for glory and great sacrifice. We, in Him, are God's chosen people.	Elect One (Isaiah 42:1)
CHIEF CORNERSTONE	Isaiah 28:16; Psalm 118:22; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6	Jesus is our rock of safety.	Jesus is the cornerstone which the religious leaders rejected, but which God chose from eternity to build His house, a temple of living stone! We can rely on Him as our solid foundation.	Foundation, Living Stone, Precious Stone, Rock, Rock of Offense, Stone (1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 2:4; Isaiah 28:16; 1 Corinthians 10:4; 1 Peter 2:8; Psalm 118:22)
DOOR	John 10:9	Jesus is our gateway.	Jesus is our opening to God. He is the only way to heaven.	Door of the Sheepfold (John 10:7) See <i>Way</i> .
EMMANUEL / IMMANUEL	Isaiah 7:14 – 8:8; Matthew 1:23	Jesus is God with us.	Jesus was born on earth as a real human being. He entered space and time to become one of us so we might be with God forever.	Only Begotten God (John 1:18)

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ETERNAL FATHER	Isaiah 9:6; 1 John 1:1-3	Jesus is forever.	Christ had no beginning and has no end. He is the source of time, space and all creation.	Head of the Creation of God (Revelation 3:14)
FAITHFUL AND TRUE WITNESS	Revelation 1:5; 3:14	Jesus is faithful.	Christ is Truth in the flesh. His witness is always faithful. We can trust His word.	Amen (Revelation 3:14) Faithful and True (Revelation 19:11) Truth (John 14:6)
FIRSTBORN	Hebrews 12:23; Revelation 5	Jesus is our elder brother.	Christ is the firstborn of the dead, the first-fruits of a new humanity, resurrected in new form. As our eldest brother (Hebrews 2:11), He is heir of all things. (The importance of the firstborn is also connected to Passover. At the Exodus, the firstborn child of the Hebrews was "passed over." He was saved from death by the sacrifice of a lamb.)	First-fruits (1 Corinthians 15:20) Firstborn from the Dead (Colossians 1:18)
GOD	John 1:1, 14-18; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13; Heb. 1:8	Jesus is God.	Christ is in His very nature God and all the fullness of that essence is in Him. He is worthy of our worship.	Fullness of God (Colossians 2:9) See <i>Son of God</i> and <i>Yahweh</i> .
HEAD OF THE CHURCH	Ephesians 5:23	Jesus leads the church.	Jesus is the leader and Lord of the church. True believers will follow Him as He cares for them and directs their way.	Head of the Body (Ephesians 4:15, 16) See <i>Bridegroom</i> .
HIGH PRIEST, APOSTLE	Hebrews 3:1, 2	Jesus is our prophet and priest.	An apostle is someone who has directly communicated with God and is authorized to speak for him. A high priest is God's appointed person to represent the people to himself. Jesus is both God's spokesman and our representative to God.	Bishop of Souls, Minister of the Sanctuary, the Prophet (1 Peter 2:25; Hebrews 8:1-2; Deuteronomy 18:15, 18; John 6:14)
HOLY ONE	Mark 1:24; Acts 2:27; 3:14; Psalm 16:10	Jesus is perfect.	Christ is without sin and evil. Because of this, He became the only perfect man to walk upon the earth. Therefore, He is the only one who could die to save us.	Holy Child, Lord Our Righteousness, Righteous One, Sanctification (Acts 4:30, Jeremiah 23:5, 6; 1 John 2:1; 1 Corinthians 1:30)
HOPE	1 Timothy 1:1	Jesus is our confidence.	Jesus is our only source of hope in the world. His conquest of death gives us confidence now and for the future.	Hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27) Hope of Israel (Jeremiah 17:13)
IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD	2 Corinthians 4:4; Colossians 1:15	Jesus is the perfect picture of God.	Because Christ and the Father are one in nature, Jesus perfectly reflects God. When we look at Him, we see what God looks like as a man.	Exact Representation of His Nature (Hebrews 1:3)
JESUS	Matthew 1:21	Jesus saves.	Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew <i>Yeshua</i> (Joshua). The name means "Yahweh (Jehovah) is salvation."	Yeshua (Joshua)
JUDGE/RULER	John 5:22, 23; Micah 4:3; Matt. 26:67; Acts 10:42	Jesus is our judge as well as our advocate and lawyer.	Jesus, the very one who is our Advocate before the bar of God's justice, has been made the Judge of all. (Romans 8:33, 34)	See <i>Wonderful Counselor</i> .

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KING OF KINGS	Revelation 17:14	Jesus is king over all.	Christ is the king over all kings and rulers. As subjects in His kingdom, we owe Him our complete allegiance.	King, King of Israel, King of the Jews, Lord of Lords, Master, Prince, Ruler Sovereign (Matt. 21:5; Jn. 1:49; Matt. 2:2; Rev. 19:16; Lk. 8:24; Dan. 9:25; 1 Tim. 6:15)
LAMB OF GOD	John 1:29, 36; 1 Peter 1:19; Rev. 5:6-12; 7:17	Jesus is our sacrifice.	Jesus is the fulfillment of the whole sacrificial system (Hebrews 7:26-29), especially as our Passover Lamb. As the Lamb of God, Jesus' sacrifice pays for our sins past, present, and future.	Offering (Hebrews 10:10) Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7) Propitiation (1 John 2:2) Sacrifice (Ephesians 5:2)
LAST ADAM	1 Corinthians 15:45	Jesus is the Father of a new human nature.	The first Adam brought sin and death. Jesus is the Last Adam, bringing life. From Him flows eternal life.	Man, Second Man (John 19:5; 1 Timothy 2:5)
LIGHT OF THE WORLD	John 8:12	Jesus is the light.	Jesus' radiance reveals God. Knowing Jesus is to know and see what God is like. Those who follow Him will not walk in darkness (John 8:12).	Light, Radiance of God's Glory (John 1:4, 5; Hebrews 1:3) See <i>Bright Morning Star</i> .
LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH	Genesis 49:9, 10; Revelation 5:5	Jesus is David's son.	Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecies, being from the tribe of Judah and the lineage of David.	Son of David (Matthew 12:23) See <i>King of Kings</i> .
LIVING WATER SPIRIT	John 4:10; 7:38	Jesus is our spiritual drink.	Christ is the fountainhead of the life that wells up inside every believer like an unending spring.	Fountain Life-Giving Spirit (Jeremiah 2:13; Zechariah 13:1; 1 Cor. 15:45)
LORD OF LORDS	Revelation 19:16; 1 Timothy 6:15	Jesus is Lord.	Jesus is Lord over all! He has this title by right as the Son of God and Creator of the Cosmos. It is also a title He has earned by His humble work of becoming human in order to redeem us through His death.	Lord (Philippians 2:11) See <i>King of Kings</i> .
MAN OF SORROWS	Isaiah 53:3	Jesus bore our sorrows.	Jesus did not come to enjoy a life of happy kingship over the world. He came to carry the world's sins and sorrows, that we might have eternal joy with Him and God the Father.	Servant, Slave (Isaiah 42:1, 2; 49:7; 52:13-53:12; Matthew 12:18-20)
MASTER	Matthew 8:19	Jesus is our teacher.	<i>Master</i> means "teacher" or "rabbi." Jesus is the final source of truth concerning God. He is the only teacher who can show us the way to go.	Rabbi, Rabboni, Teacher, Truth (John 20:16; John 14:6, 7)
MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT	Malachi 3:1	Jesus is God's final messenger.	<i>Messenger</i> and <i>angel</i> are the same word in both the Old and New Testaments. Christ is God's ultimate messenger of the New Covenant of God's grace and head of God's angelic armies.	Angel of the Lord, Captain of the Lord's Host (Exodus 3:2; Judges 13:15-18; Joshua 5:14)
MESSIAH	Daniel 9:25; John 1:41; 4:25	Jesus is Messiah.	<i>Messiah</i> is the Hebrew word, translated into Greek, as <i>Christ</i> . Both words mean "Anointed One" (one especially appointed by God for His plan and purpose).	Christ, Anointed One (Matthew 1:16; Psalm 2:1, 2)

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PRINCE OF PEACE	Isaiah 9:6	Jesus is our peace.	Christ is our peace. He has ended the conflict between God and man by His death on the cross. He has also given us internal peace by the love that is planted in our hearts by His Spirit.	Peace (Ephesians 2:14) King of Salem (Hebrews 7:1, 2)
PROPHET	John 6:14; 7:40; Deut. 18:15-22; Luke 7:16; Matthew 21:11	Jesus is the prophet foretold.	Long before Jesus was born, Moses and others prophesied that a prophet like him would come speaking God's words. Jesus is that Prophet, the ultimate and final spokesman for God.	See <i>High Priest</i> .
REDEEMER	Job 19:25	Jesus is our redemption.	Christ's death is the payment that redeems us from the debt we owe to God's law, ransoming our lives and guaranteeing us a place in His family.	Kinsman, Ransom, Redemption, Guarantee (Ruth 2:14; Matthew 20:28; 1 Timothy 2:6; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Hebrews 7:22)
RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE	John 11:25	Jesus is life.	Christ is Life itself. Death could not hold Him, nor can it hold any who are in Him.	Living One (Revelation 1:18) See <i>Firstborn</i> .
SAVIOR	Luke 1:47-2:11; John 4:42; 1 John 4:14	Jesus is our salvation.	Christ is the Savior of the world, come to deliver us from the power of death. He is the one who seeks and saves the lost.	Captain of Salvation, Deliverer, Horn of Salvation, Salvation (Hebrews 2:10; Romans 11:26; Luke 1:69; 2:30)
SHEPHERD	1 Peter 2:25	Jesus is the good shepherd.	Jesus came to care for and to lead lost sheep, lost men and women. His sheep know His voice and no one can take them from His hands.	Door of the Sheepfold, Good Shepherd (John 10:7, 14) See <i>Door</i> .
SHILOH	Genesis 49:10	Jesus is our promised peace.	<i>Shiloh</i> may be translated as "to whom the scepter belongs," or as a name derived from the Hebrew word for peace. Jesus fulfills the prophecy by being the King to whom the scepter belongs and our Prince of Peace.	See <i>Messiah</i> and <i>Prince of Peace</i> .
SON OF GOD	Luke 1:35; Hebrews 4:14	Jesus is the Son of God by nature.	Christ is the only "natural" Son of God, which means He partakes in the Divine nature fully. We become God's children by adoption and inherit all creation in, and with, Christ.	Only Begotten, Son of the Most High, Heir (John 1:14, 18; Luke 1:32; Hebrews 1:2) See <i>God</i> .
TRUE VINE	John 15:1	Jesus is our evergreen source of life.	Jesus is our connection to the source of life. As God He has life in Himself. Having become a man He extends that life to all who believe.	See <i>Branch</i> .
THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE	John 14:6; Acts 9:2	Jesus is our path to God.	Jesus is the Way to God. He is the path to truth and life. No mere human teacher, He is the map, the road, the destination and the one who has gone ahead of us.	Forerunner, Jacob's Ladder (Hebrews 6:20; Genesis 28:12; John 1:51)

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WISDOM OF GOD	1 Corinthians 1:24, 30	Jesus is our wisdom from God.	Though the reference in Proverbs is not a strict prophetic word about Christ, the concept of wisdom as a person and associate of God is fulfilled in Jesus. To know Jesus is to be connected to the wisdom of the ages.	<i>Compare personified wisdom</i> (Proverbs 8:22-31; Luke 11:49)
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR	Isaiah 9:6	Jesus is our defense attorney.	Christ is our Wonderful Counselor before God. He comforts, consoles and counsels us as our Mediator and Intercessor. As our Advocate before God, He defends us like a lawyer before the bar of God's justice, offering Himself as a payment for our crimes.	Advocate, Comforter, Consolation of Israel, Daysman, Intercessor, Mediator, Paraclete (1 John 2:1; John 14:16; Luke 2:25; Job 9:33; 1 Timothy 2:5) See <i>Judge</i> .
WORD	John 1:1, 14.	Jesus is God's Word.	Jesus is the speech uttered by God the Father, impelled by the breath of God's Spirit. He is not merely information, but the effective, powerful Word that calls creation out of nothing and life out of death.	Word of God, Word of Life (1 John 1:1)
YAHWEH (JEHOVAH*)	Isaiah 40:3-5; Matthew 3:3; 28:19; Philippians 2:6-11; Exodus 3:14	Jesus has God's name.	The holy name <i>Yahweh</i> means "He who is." It expresses the idea that only God has self-existent being. The name was so holy that the Jews would not utter it out loud. Christ possesses this name.	I AM; Who was, Who is and Who is to come (Mark 6:50; Luke 21:8; John 8:24, 28, 58; Revelation 4:8)

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YAHWEH*-YIREH	God Will Provide	Genesis 22:13, 14	"I am the bread of life." (John 6:35)
YAHWEH-MEKADDISHKEM	The Lord Who Sanctifies	Exodus 31:12, 13	We have been made holy by the blood of Jesus. (Hebrews 13:12)
YAHWEH-NISSI	The Lord is My Banner	Exodus 17:15, 16	Jesus, the root of Jesse, is our banner. (Isaiah 11:10)
YAHWEH-RAPHA	The Lord Who Heals	Exodus 15:25-27	By His stripes we are healed. (1 Peter 2:24)
YAHWEH-ROHI	The Lord is My Shepherd	Psalms 23:1-3	"I am the good Shepherd." (John 10:11)
YAHWEH-SABAOTH	The Lord of Hosts	1 Samuel 1:3	Jesus will come as King of Kings. (Revelation 1:8)
YAHWEH-SHALOM	The Lord is Peace	Numbers 6:22-27	Jesus is the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)
YAHWEH-SHAMMAH	The Lord is There	Ezekiel 48:35	Jesus said that He will be present in our hearts. (Matthew 28:20)
YAHWEH-TSIDKANU	The Lord Our Righteousness	Jeremiah 23:5, 6; 33:16	Because of Jesus, we are righteous before God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

*Using the vowels of *Adonai* (Lord) and the consonants of *YHVH* (God), a 16th-century German translator incorrectly translated *YHVH* as *YaHoVah*, resulting in the name *Jehovah*. *Yahweh* is the more accepted spelling for God's name.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PRAY IN JESUS' NAME?

Jesus himself instructed us to do it (John 16:24), but do we understand it? To pray in Jesus' name means to pray in the authority of that name, much as we might use the phrase "in the name of the law" to assert the authority of the law. But the use of Jesus' name should be more than a mere postscript on our prayers, more even than an authoritative letterhead. To pray effectively in Christ's name, we must be "in Him"—in union with his life and death. In his letters, Paul uses the prepositions "in" and "together with" to emphasize the connectedness of the believer to Christ and His authority and power.

Praying in Jesus' name does not give our prayers extra power. The truth is, prayers are completely powerless in the first place unless they are "in Jesus." Without Christ's intercession, no prayers would make it to the ears of God. The reason we are told to pray in and by his authority is not as some magic formula, but to put our own spirits and our own thinking in the right place—under and in him.

"No" for an Answer

Of course this means we must be willing to accept "no" as an answer. Even God's "no" is not a "No way," but "No, I have something better in mind." Christ's prayer in Gethsemane before His crucifixion should teach us both about whose authority we are under and about accepting God's better plan (Matthew 26:39; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42). Christ invites us to pray in his name, assuring us that whatever is asked, by his authority and in faith, will be granted by God. This means that, first, we must be connected to God in Christ, and second, that we must know we have what we ask.

For Christians, the second part is often difficult, even impossible. Christ's Gethsemane prayer ("Let this cup pass from me"), the only request He made that was denied, teaches us that there are some things we ask for—good as they may seem—that are not God's best for us. Jesus knew it was the Father's will that He should suffer on our behalf; many of our prayers may also fall into this category. But observe the powerful results: In Jesus' case, as in ours, the ultimate outcome will be life out of death.

We should think of our prayers as Christ's own prayers through us, inspired and led by the Holy Spirit. God has already planned out the good works we are to walk in; these include our prayers (Ephesians 2:10). Seeing our prayers as Jesus' prayers *through us* should cause us to rethink what we ask for. It should also cause us to think about our union with Christ. Real authority always flows from the author. Are we connected to the Author and Perfecter of our faith?