

JESUS

A NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME.

Phil. ii. 9.

DID you ever pause to consider that of the many topics of conversation, of the many great persons admired and spoken of, the greatest of all topics, the greatest of all names, is seldom mentioned. This is true of circles professing to be christian, and it is not necessary to go outside of these circles. Why is this? For two reasons: the fear amongst those who really love the Lord Jesus, to confess Him as their Saviour, and the dislike among those who are not His, but are mere professors, to that lowly name. You may talk to these mere professors about any subject you please; it may be about church, about missionaries, or about charities, and they will listen to you. But the moment you bring to bear on their souls the merits of the Lord Jesus, the One who bled and died for them, and their need of Him, that moment they have done with you, and will probably treat you with suspicion thereafter. But in this hatred for the Lord's Christ we have all had our part. We inherit it by nature, and it is nothing but the grace of God that has made a difference; (Ephesians ii. 8).

Now, dear reader, if you are not already saved, washed in that precious blood shed for you at Calvary, I plead with you to pause a

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