

entitled to say, Here it is impossible to substitute one name for another without violating the Apostle's usage.

To establish this, and to explain the method here proposed, I select in the first instance the two designations *Jesus Christ* and *Christ Jesus*. Here the component elements are the same, the difference is only in order of allocation; and yet there are many passages in which we are *quite certain* that St. Paul wrote "Christ Jesus," and not "Jesus Christ."

This is true of at least 44 passages in which the entire expression is "in Christ Jesus." The Apostle never wrote "in Jesus Christ."¹ In the places above referred to the documents are almost unanimous, the few variations found being chiefly between *in Christ Jesus* and *in Christ*. Together with this agreement of authorities there goes a constancy of signification. The words *in Christ Jesus* denote the Apostle's conception of that intimate, spiritual union which Christ's servants, though still living on the earth, have with their Divine Lord. A few examples will suffice. "There is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." "My fellow-workers in Christ Jesus." "Sanctified in Christ Jesus." "Ye are one in Christ Jesus." "The faithful in Christ Jesus."²

Why, then, does St. Paul never write "in Jesus Christ"? Because to him *Jesus Christ* is the product of history. This name denotes that historical Person who was first known as Jesus of Nazareth, afterwards accepted as the Messiah, who lived for a season amongst men, and is now removed from the sight of His followers to heaven. The examples, when we have excluded those in which the reading is doubtful, are comparatively few. They are 20 in number.³ In most of these the historical aspect is obvious,—as in Rom. v. 15, 17, where reference is made to the great fact of the redemption accomplished by "one man, Jesus Christ." So

¹ Gal. iii. 14, where the reading *in Jesus Christ* is well supported, is noticed later.

² Rom. viii. 1; xvi. 3; I Cor. i. 2; Gal. iii. 28; Ephes. i. 1.

³ Rom. i. 6, 8; ii. 16; iii. 22; v. 15, 17; xvi. 25, 27; I Cor. ii. 2; iii. 11; Gal. i. 1, 12; iii. 1, 22; Ephes. i. 5; Phil. i. 6, 11, 19; ii. 11; 2 Tim. ii. 8.