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THE NAMES OF CHRIST.  
AN ESSAY IN BIBLICAL CRITICISM.

CHAPTER I.

## THE PAULINE USAGE.

I BELIEVE it possible to establish a criterion by which we may test Greek Testament MSS. and Versions, and which may be also applied in questions of authorship and the Higher Criticism, independently of the methods usually employed for this purpose. The Epistles of St. Paul chiefly furnish the materials by which this criterion is constructed, in *the various names which the Apostle gives to our Lord Jesus Christ*. It is well known that these names are very numerous and varied, and that the Apostle passes very suddenly from one to another. The number of designations is approximately as follows: *Jesus* 12, *Christ* (without the article) 118, *The Christ* (with article) 92, *Jesus Christ* 47, *Christ Jesus* 53, *The Lord* 143, *The Lord Jesus* 15, *The Lord Jesus Christ* 23, *Our Lord Jesus Christ* 52, *Christ Jesus the Lord* 9, *Son of God* 17—altogether about 580.<sup>1</sup>

On a merely superficial examination of the Apostle's writings it might seem that the transition from one designation to another is arbitrary, and without any ascertainable reason. But careful investigation shows that this is certainly not the case; and we soon find *laws of usage which are never violated*. In reference to some of the titles, these laws can be so definitely laid down that as to many passages we are

<sup>1</sup> The number cannot be given with certainty on account of the numerous variations of the text.