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Welcome

Welcome to the summer edition of the Riverside Quarterly with the weather better, images of Tall Ships all over the city and the children on school holidays. In this edition we explore eternal truths related to the Names and Titles of God in the Bible. There is no more important starting point for understanding spiritual truth, and who we are, than to turn our attention to the God who made us and how He reveals Himself! Turn to the back cover for details of our holiday bible club on 11-14th August when we will have a Bible Boat theme.....not quite Tall Ships but close enough!

What we believe about...

God

At Riverside Christian Assembly, we hold to the view of God historically held by the church, including the following key truths:

- **We believe in the one true God** who exists eternally in three persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit. This truth of one God in Trinity is central to our faith and means that God is essentially personal, relational and active.

- **We believe that God is the Creator of all things;** powerful, all-knowing, and present everywhere.

- **We believe God is holy, just, and loving,** consistently demonstrating His purity and compassion in His dealings with humanity.

- **We believe that God has revealed Himself to us** through the Bible, which we believe is the inspired Word of God, and that He has revealed Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ, who came to earth as both fully God and fully man.

- **We believe that God desires to bring all people into a relationship with Himself** and is to be worshipped and honoured in everything we do, and trusted for everything in our lives.

Whats on?

SUNDAY

- **9:30am** Breaking of Bread

Coffee @11:15am

**BIBLE
FOR
ALL**

11:30am

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- 4:00pm Bible Teaching
- 4:00pm Sunday School
(both Term Time)

MONDAY

- 10.00am Toddlers (Term Time)
- 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30pm Kids Club (Term Time)
- 8:00pm Bible Teaching

COMMUNITY LUNCH

2nd Friday of each month
12:30pm (excluding Jul & Aug)

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His Name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor

Mighty God

Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



THE NAMES AND TITLES OF GOD

and

The Good News of The Gospel

"And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you." — Psalm 9:10

In the Bible, names carry weight. They're not just labels; they reveal identity, character, and purpose. That's especially true of the Names of God. Throughout Scripture, God reveals Himself through Names and Titles, each unveiling something of who He is and what He's like. And when we look closely, we see that each one points to the heart of the gospel — the good news of Jesus Christ.

Let's explore some of these Names and Titles and how they point us to God as Saviour.



Yahweh I Am

(Exodus 3:14)

When Moses asks God what Name he should give to the Israelites, God replies, "I AM WHO I AM." This Name, Yahweh (historic translations have used Jehovah), expresses God's eternal, self-existent nature. He is not made. He does not change. He simply is.

This might seem abstract, but it's incredibly reassuring. We live in a world full of change and uncertainty. But God never changes. His promises hold firm. And in the New Testament, Jesus takes this divine Name upon Himself. He says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." (John 8:58), declaring that He is God in the flesh — the eternal One come to save.

El Roi

The God Who Sees

(Genesis 16:13)

Hagar, a mistreated servant, finds herself pregnant, abandoned, and alone in the wilderness. But God meets her there. Overwhelmed by His compassion, she calls Him El Roi, "the God who sees me."

Maybe you feel invisible — overlooked, forgotten, or ignored by the world. But God sees you. He saw Hagar in the desert, and He sees you in your struggles. The gospel assures us that in Christ, we are not only seen, but known and loved. Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me." (John 10:14). The God who sees you has come near in Jesus Christ to rescue you.

Yahweh Rapha

The Lord Who Heals

(Exodus 15:26)

After delivering Israel from Egypt, God tells His people that He is Yahweh Rapha, “the Lord who heals.” This Name speaks not only to physical healing but to the deeper healing of the heart.

Sin wounds us all. It breaks our relationship with God and leaves us spiritually sick. But through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are offered healing. As Isaiah 53:5 states, “But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.” The gospel is not just about forgiveness, but restoration — healing our deepest need: the brokenness of our souls.

Yahweh Jireh

The Lord Will Provide

(Genesis 22:14)

This Name comes from the story of Abraham being asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. Just as Abraham lifts the knife, God stops him and provides a ram in the place of Isaac. Abraham names the place Yahweh Jireh, “The Lord will provide.”

This is more than a story of God supplying what is needed in the moment. It is a foreshadowing of the cross. Just as God provided a substitute for Isaac, He provides Jesus as a substitute for sinners. Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes the place of sinners and bears their punishment. At the cross, we see the ultimate fulfilment of Yahweh Jireh — the Lord has provided all that is needed for our salvation.

Emmanuel

God with us

(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23)

This title appears as a prophecy in Isaiah, fulfilled in the birth of Jesus: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14),

and again in Matthew 1:23: “They shall call His name Immanuel (which means, God with us).”

This is the gospel in one title. God didn’t stay distant. He stepped into our world. He took on our flesh. He bore our pain. He carried our sins. Immanuel reminds us that in Jesus, God has drawn near — not to condemn, but to save.

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

(Revelation 19:16)

The gospel is not only about what Jesus Christ has done but about who He is now. He is not just a teacher or prophet. He is the risen, soon-to-reign King. “He has a Name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.” (Revelation 19:16)

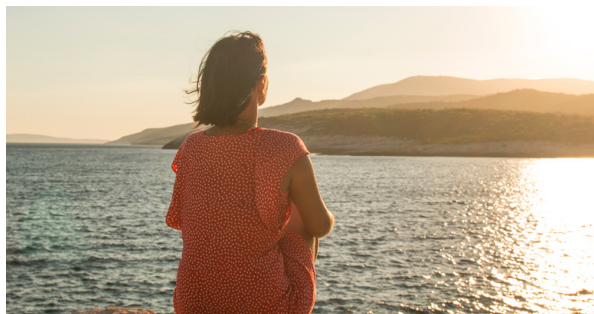
One day, every knee will bow to Jesus Christ. But today, He invites us to bow in love, not fear — to trust Him, not resist Him. When we trust in Christ, we find not oppression, but freedom. Not judgment, but mercy.

What this means for you

Every Name and Title of God is an invitation. He’s not hiding. He’s revealing Himself — in His provision, His presence, His healing, and ultimately, in Jesus Christ.

You may feel too far gone. You may feel ashamed or unsure. But God is not a distant concept. He is Yahweh Jireh who provides forgiveness. He is El Roi who sees your pain. He is Yahweh Rapha who heals your wounds. He is Immanuel who comes near to you in Jesus Christ. And He is King of Kings, offering life and hope under His eternal reign.

The gospel is good news — that God has done for you what you could never do for yourself. All He asks is that you come as you are, and receive the grace freely offered.



THE NAME OF GOD:

The Self Existing One

"I AM that I AM" Exodus 3:14

Independent of and over creation.

In the true sense,
God has one Name:

Yahweh

His personal Name.

But alongside this, an abundance of titles tell us about His character. These are the most commonly used in the Old and New Testaments.

Old Testament

Old Testament

New Testament

New Testament

The Personal, Present and Faithful One

"The Lord, a God merciful and gracious" Exodus 34:5

The God who chooses to make Himself known to us.

"The Name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Proverbs 18:10

Elohim

Used 2606 times

- A plural title - demonstrates the Trinity working in singular harmony
- The exclusive claim of a strong creator

Adonai

Used 434 times

- Definition: Master
- Speaks of relationship and response

Theos

Used 1318 times

- Used of the Father (John 1:1), the Son (John 1:1) and the Spirit (Acts 5:3-4)
- Similar to Elohim

Kurios

Used 719 times

- Particularly, but not exclusively, applied to Christ
- Similar to Adonai

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Everlasting Father

OF ALL THE NAMES GIVEN TO JESUS IN ISAIAH 9:6, “EVERLASTING FATHER” IS THE HARDEST TO UNDERSTAND. HOW COULD THIS CHILD THAT WOULD BE BORN, JESUS THE MESSIAH, THE SECOND PERSON OF THE GODHEAD, BE CALLED EVERLASTING FATHER?

God the Son is certainly not an interchangeable name with God the Father. There is one God in three persons in the Godhead existing in perfect unity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.



Everlasting Father refers to Jesus' father-like character. He will provide and protect His children with wisdom and compassion. It is a wonder that this child would come to earth to redeem and adopt sinners into the family of God.

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:4-5).

The mighty warrior God is also tender, compassionate and loving. He is not shrouded in steel and flame, unreachable and unknowable, with a heart of stone. His compassion for the lost He came to save is evident as you read through His earthly ministry in the Gospels.

When he saw the widow from Nain on her way to bury her only son, Luke tells us, ***“He had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep’” (Luke 7:13)***, then He raised her son to life.

When he saw vast crowds that assembled to hear Him teach, Matthew says, ***“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd” (Matthew 9:35-36).***

This child that Isaiah spoke of 700 years before His birth would manifest both the power of the Mighty God and the heart of the Everlasting Father. The greatest manifestation of His power and compassion was at the Cross.

As He was enduring the cross and about to enter into the darkness, about to die and defeat Satan, He forgave a thief who hung beside him, made provision for the care of his mother, and prayed for the forgiveness of His tormentors.

Lest we worry that His fatherly compassion will wax and wane like so many other fathers who have disappointed their children, we rejoice that He is the Everlasting Father. His compassion is constant and everlasting, and therefore will not fail.

***“As a father pities his children,
So the Lord pities those who fear Him.
For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust”
(Psalm 103:13-14).***

His name is Everlasting Father.

CHRISTIANITY:

Answers to Critical Questions

Watch these sessions from RCA during which Paul McCauley (Christian preacher and author) addresses some of the most raised challenges to the Christian faith. Scan the QR codes or find us on YouTube!

SESSION

1



Is the Bible
really the
Word of God?



SESSION

2



Is Jesus Christ
really the Son
of God?



SESSION

3



Did Jesus Christ
really rise from
the dead?



SESSION

4



Is there really
only 1 way to
heaven?



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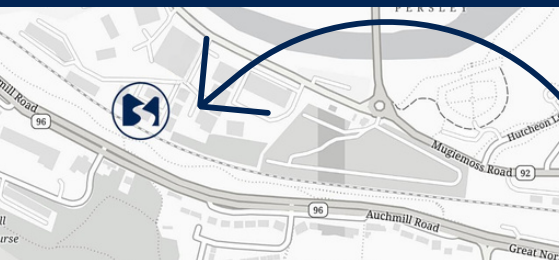
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RIVERSIDE
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**11th - 14th
Aug**

RCA Kids Holiday Club

Bible Boat Bonanza

WHAT?

**Bible stories, games,
crafts and more!**

WHO?

**Primary School aged children
(Including those entering P1)**

WHEN?

**Mon 11th - Thurs 14th August
10am - 12pm every morning
(Prizegiving Thurs 6:30pm)**

WHERE?

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