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## Memorial Church Anglican - Whitefield

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Hebrew parents choose names for their children which had understandable meanings, which related to certain events or circumstances during the birth of the child. Names describing divine assistance in childbirth were also given. Sometimes parental desires or qualities hoped for in the child's life were used to name the child. In the case of the Holy child the angel gave the name Jesus before He was conceived, and this was given to him on the 8<sup>th</sup>. day – the day of circumcision.

The meaning of the name Jesus is Salvation. The Hebrew language has very few words to describe salvation. Ps. 90 is the prayer song written by Moses. Verse 16 reads 'with long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.' In this verse Moses uses the word 'Yeshua' which means salvation – literally meaning the word Jesus. So we can read this verse as, 'with long life will I satisfy him and show him my Jesus.'

The name Jesus during the time of our Lord was a common Hebrew name used for Hebrew males. In the Greek speaking community of the Jews the name Joshua was also termed as Jesus – hence making the name doubly common. The recordings of the Gospels and some of the Epistles introduce us to the name Jesus of Nazareth, and it is in this name that there is power vested, and when pronounced demons tremble and flee and healings take place.

For us today what does the name Jesus mean?

- Jesus is our Salvation and the Almighty God has shown us Jesus.
- We should not use the name of Jesus as a swear word, as the Decalogue requires us not to use the name of our Lord God in vain.
- At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow – Ph.2:10.
- We are to venerate the name of Jesus at all time.

When we face evil or sickness, rebuke it in the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

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