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Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:.... 10:00am
AM Worship:..11:00am
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Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am
"Back to the Bible"
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**We Extend A
Warm & Cordial
Welcome
To All Our
Visitors!**

"IT DOES NOT MATTER WHOSE NAME WE WEAR"
Ed Melott








The statement, "It does not matter whose name we wear," though popular, will never be uttered by the President of your bank. The Internal Revenue Service will never accept it. A husband in reference to his new bride will never exclaim it. It is not found in the Bible and certainly will not be pronounced by God on the great Judgment Day. Why then are phrases like: "there's nothing in a name" and "It doesn't matter what the sign on the church building says," heard so often in so-called Christendom. The Bible teaches there **is** something in a name and it **does** matter what the sign on the front of the building claims.

The Old Testament endorsed the importance of a NAME, God's Name. The Psalmist David wrote, "O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your **name**" (Psalm 8:1 emp. added). Similarly, Solomon extolled, "His **name** shall endure forever; His **name** shall continue as long as the sun" (Psalm 72:17 emp. added). God's name is so holy, that an improper use of it is sin: "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain" (Exodus 20:7).

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When I Die

Hebrews 9:27

-  I Hope it Can Be Said: **"He Fought a Good Fight."**
• 2 Timothy 4:7
-  I Hope it Can Be Said: **"His death is gain."**
• Philippians 1:21
-  I Hope it Can Be Said: **"His death was precious."**
• Psalm 116:15
-  I Hope it Can Be Said: **"He is far better now."**
• Luke 16:19
-  I Hope it Can Be Said: **"He left us an example."**
• 1 Timothy 4:12
-  I Hope it Can Be Said: **"He was faithful unto death."**
• Revelation 2:10
-  I Hope it Can Be Said: **"He has gone to be with the Lord."**
• Philippians 1:23



WHAT WILL BE SAID ABOUT YOU WHEN YOU DIE?

Not only is the name of God important, but also the names of men were important to God. On one occasion, God promised to make Abram's name great (Gen. 12:1-3). He later changed his name to Abraham, for, said God, "I have made you a father of many nations" (Gen. 17:5). In the same chapter, God changed Sarai's name to Sarah (17:15). Additionally, God changed Jacob's name to "Israel" (Gen. 35:10). Many others believed that there was something in a name: Isaiah (25:1), Jeremiah (10:6), Daniel (2:20), Joel (2:26), Micah (4:5), Zechariah (14:9), Malachi (1:11). Furthermore, the Name of Christ was predicted (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6, etc.).

The New Testament, God's final revelation to man (II Pet. 1:3; Jude 3), testifies to the aforementioned truth, there is something in a name. The angel revealed to Joseph: "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The apostles affirmed, even to the death, the name of Christ. John wrote, "but these things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His **name**" (John 20:31 emp. added). Peter exclaimed, "...there is none other **name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12 emp. added).

Why then, we ask, in light of this overwhelming evidence do the religious multitudes call themselves after the names of men rather than the name of Christ? Paul condemned such when he wrote, "Now I plead with, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ," Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" (I Corinthians 1:10-13).

Can you find the name of the church to which you belong in the Bible? Are you concerned about pleasing God? Paul wrote, "Greet one another with a holy kiss. The **churches of Christ greet you**" (Romans 16:16 emp. added).

Winning Without Words

Bill E. Smith

"Wives, be subject to your own husband; that if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the godly behavior of the wives" (I Peter 3:1). When I first read

Peter's statement about a wife's behavior I did not really realize how true it was, but through the years, I have seen the truth manifested many times.

A man I knew resented his wife's taking the children to church every Sunday. He told her that when he worked all week, he wanted to be with his family on the weekend. She assured him that she would do all she could to comply with this wish. She would no more shop on the weekends. She would accept no more personal invitations on weekends. The children would not schedule ball games or accept invitations to bunking parties etc. on the weekends. She said that with the single exception that she and the children would be away a few hours on Sunday to go to church services, they would be home all weekend.

Years later, I knew this man as a faithful Christian, and an elder in the local church. I would have never guessed that he had not always been the spiritual leader in his home. This scripture from Peter came up in a Bible class and this man testified that it was his wife's godly handling of this problem that led him to Christ. He said that it made him ashamed of himself to hobble his family the way he did, and although he tried to seek someone to blame for his discomfort, he could not blame her because she had offered him no excuse.

She ought to have taken a ball bat and worked me over for being so ornery, he confessed. But instead she worked hard at making my weekend as enjoyable for me as possible. You can't fight a woman like that! he concluded. He confided that he started going to Bible classes and worship services with the family to make up for his confining wishes, and that he heard the truth and obeyed it. You could feel his admiration for his wife as he discussed her behavior.

I have told this story many times, hoping that women who have been under the influence of the liberation might know that Peter spoke by inspiration when he made his statement. If you insist on having your way, you may win the battle with your husband, but you may lose his soul. You may win the argument, but be alone to celebrate it. I hope you will give Peter's way a trial. Win people to Christ by your godly life!

*"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live"
(John 11:25).*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jan 5 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class
- Jan12 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Service (Song Service)
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Jim Winters