

THE CONTENDER

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THE NEW NAME

Many of you who will read this bulletin are members of various denominations. You each wear different names and teach different doctrines. Some of you no doubt are Methodists, Baptists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Catholics, Mormons, Episcopalians, Christian Scientists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Adventists, and Mennonites etc. and you probably believe: "There is nothing in a name." "I can wear the name of my choice as we are all going to the same place anyway" "It just does not matter what name one wears in religion".

Friend, I'd like to stop you a minute and teach you from the Bible that it is of vital importance what name you wear. God sa ys:

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Surely you will observe that only ONE name is under consideration and that SALVATION is only in THIS ONE NAME. Note further that this one name is important enough to be mentioned by prophecy.

"Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: and I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off." (Isa. 56:5)

"And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name." (Isa. 62:2)

"And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord God shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name." (Isa. 65:15)

FACTS ABOUT THIS NEW NAME

- 1. It was to be a "new" name and therefore won't be found in the O.T. and cannot be the following.
 - A. Brethren (Ps. 133:1)
 - B. Saints (Ps. 116:15)
 - C. Disciples (Isa. 8:16)

* ORDER OF SERVICES *

* Lord's Day: 10:00 a.m. Worship *

* 7:30 p.m. Worship *

* Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study *

- 2. It was to be given in God's house, that is the Church (I Tim. 2:15), and therefore it has to be given after Acts 2 for this is when the church began.
- 3. According to the prophet Isaiah God Himself gave it...it was not given in jest by the enemies of the church.
- 4. Again Isaiah said it was to be given after the gentiles saw the righteousness of God and this means that it must be found after Acts 10 for this is when the Gentiles came into the Church.
- 5. Lastly the prophet said it was to be better "than of sons and of daughters" therefore it cannot be named after man.

THE "NEW NAME" IS NOT AND CANNOT BE:
...AND THOSE THAT WEAR THESE NAMES
DO NOT HAVE SALVATION NOR GOD'S
BLESSING FOR THEIR ACTION!

METHODIST	EPISCOPALIAN
PRESBYTERIAN	LUTHERAN
CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST	MENNONITE
BAPTIST	ADVENTIST
MORMON	ROMAN CATHOLIC

"EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THEY LABOR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT."
(Ps. 127:1)

WELL, WHAT IS THE NEW NAME?

REMEMBER THE NEW NAME MUST:

1. Not be in the Old Testament
2. Have been given after the Church began
3. Be given by God and not man.
4. Have been given after Acts 10
5. Be a wonderful name full of unity and blessing.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS?

"And the disciples were called (Baptists, Mennonites, Christians) first in Antioch." (Acts 11:26)

"Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a (Roman Catholic, Christian, Adventist)". (Acts 26:28)

"Yet if any man suffer as a (Christian, Methodist, Episcopalian) let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." (I Pet. 4:16)

Friend, "Christian" is the new name! It's the only name that can meet all of the prophet's qualifications. It's the only one that you read about in the New Testament and the only one that will bring religious unity! There is only ONE family and only ONE name.

"For this cause, I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." (Eph. 3:14,15)

WHAT ABOUT "CHRISTIAN CHURCH"?

The Church of Christ belongs to Christ by right of purchase. (Acts 20:28, Heb. 3:6) Then by all rights of reason it should be called by His name and not by the name given to those who make up His bride. I'm sure that when we married we expected our bride to take our name. We would have been insulted if she had insisted we take HER family name. How do you suppose Christ feels toward those who profess to be His bride and insist on wearing the name of the bride? The Church belongs to Christ and not to Christians, we are that which belongs to Him.

Taking the name given to the individual members of the Body and applying that name to the family of God as the Family name shows more honor to ourselves than to the Son of God! Jesus is to have the preeminence is ALL things (Col. 1:18)!

"THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU"

(Rom. 16:16)

Friend why not simply be a Christian? What can be wrong with that? (Acts 2:38, Mk. 16:16, I Cor. 12:13, I Pet. 2:17)

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The South Shore church of Christ mails this bulletin at the end of every month to those who would desire all of the truth. If you would like to regularly receive this paper or know of someone who would, please give the address to bro. Swan. We have received many good comments on it and are persuaded that it has done much and everlasting good for the souls of men and women.

We do not print secular poetry or "cute quotes" but use this expedient to spread the gospel of Christ. (I Thess. 1:8)

IN NEED OF SUPPORT: Brethren, at this writing, bros. Ray Dively and myself stand in need of your fellowship that we might take the truth to other lands. If you can help us we need to hear from you almost at once as our time is swiftly running out.

WE MADE IT!

We rejoice in that our Father has blessed this congregation that beginning in April we will be fully self-sufficient and no outside support for bro. Swan will be needed.