

## THE NAME "CHRISTIAN"

"If the church is the bride of Christ, the bride must have been the same as the bridegroom. If the church is the body of Christ, she must have the same name as her head. It would be strange if my body and my head should bear different names. In some comments on the passage, 'The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch' it is held that the name was given in dirison. I think not. If you study the use of the Greek word 'called' you will conclude that they were divinely called Christians. God gave them that name. Jesus speaks (Jas. 2:7 RES) about rich men blaspheming the "worthy name by which you are called." (A.J. Gordon, Baptist, In Select Northfield Sermons)

"I look forward with pleasure to the day when there will not be a Baptist living. I hope they will soon be gone. I hope the Baptist name will soon perish: but let Christ's name live forever." (Spurgeon, Mem. Library, Vol. I)

"I pray you to leave my name alone, and call not yourselves Lutherans, but Christians. Who is Luther? My doctrine is not mine (A commendable statement but one in which something is lacking when compared with the Bible RES) I have not been crucified for anyone. How then does it befit me a miserable bag of dust and ashes to give my name to the children of Christ? Cease, my dear friends to cling to these party names and distinctions; away with them all and let us call ourselves only Christians after Him from whom our doctrine comes." (Stork, Life Of Luther, p. 289)

"Would to God that all party names and unscriptural phrases and forms which have divided the Christian world were forgot: that we might all agree to sit down together as humble, loving disciples at the feet of the common Master, to hear His word, to imbibe his spirit and to transcribe his life to our own." (John Wesley)

## THE BIBLE SAYS

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

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

THE DOOM OF DENOMINATIONALISM: "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." (Matt. 15:9,13)

with him and welcome him as a new member here at South Shore!

Lona Hall is in the hospital and is to undergo a kidney operation on thursday. (Room 336)

There is a gospel meeting hosted by the Nevell church of Christ in Felicity Ohio, June 24-30th with bro Bernard Bolton preaching. (7:30 p.m.)

## THE CONTENDER

It has been my pleasure to send this paper to you and I trust you have been edified by reading it. It has not been my practice to print quite worldly quotes or Shakespeare but rather use this expediency to spread the gospel of Christ. Printing it these seven years has not been easy as each issue is hand cranked and many hours are spent late at night preparing it for you. I'm sorry for my spelling and the ink stains at times but trust you will over look these things for the doctrine of Christ.

At this time brethren, I have to revise the list and this is hard to do as I have a file full of cards and letters from you in appreciation of this effort. To accomplish this I have decided to remove the names of the members of the church who have not supported the gospel in India or who are members of a congregation that has not helped when asked unless you request to remain on the list. Again, I am sorry but I can just print so many.