

# THE NEW NAME

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## INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: **Acts 11:26**.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Names are important.
  - 1) God had Adam name all living. (**Gen. 2:19**)
  - 2) God chose to change the names of certain people.
    - a. Abram became Abraham. (**Gen. 17:5** “Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.”)
    - b. Jacob became Israel (**Gen. 35:10**).
    - c. Saul of Tarsus became Paul (**Acts 13:9**).
2. **Prov. 22:1** “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.”
  - 1) A good name is hard to establish.
  - 2) Easier to lose than to build.

C. Christians wore a worthy name.

1. **James 2:7** “Do not they *blaspheme* that worthy name by the which ye are called?”
2. They suffered for it. **1 Pet 4:16** “Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.”
3. The name Christian must be worn with honor.
  - 1) It signifies who we are.
  - 2) And identifies whom we follow.

## DISCUSSION: IN THIS DISCUSSION LET US OBSERVE...

### I. WHAT THE PROPHETS SAID CONCERNING THE NAME.

A. They spoke this concerning the new name.

1. God will give a new name.
  - 1) **Isa 62:2** “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.” A name that had been worn before.
  - 2) **Isa 56:5** “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: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.”
    - a. Would be given to the Lord's house.
    - b. It will be an “everlasting name” (**Isa 56:5**).

### II. THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NAME.

A. Names distinguish one person from another.

1. In our families. (Well I did hear of one man that named ALL FIVE of his sons George!!!)
2. But normally we give names to distinguish one person from another.

B. The name Christian was used to identify the people of God.

1. Note the meaning of this word: **Christian** means a follower of Christ! (Only Him.)
2. Greek word is: *Christianos*.
  - 1) The word is a descriptive word!
  - 2) A FOLLOWER of Christ.
3. First used at Antioch.

- 1) **Acts 11:26** "first called Christians at Antioch."
- 2) It designated those who were following Christ.
  - a. Distinguished from the Jews.
  - b. From the pagans.
  - c. From all else.

**C. The word Christian found only three times in the Bible.**

1. **Acts 11:26** "...And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."
2. **Acts 26:28** "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."
3. **1 Pet 4:16** "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf."

### III. WHY DO WE WEAR THE NEW NAME?

**A. We wear His name because:**

1. He was crucified for us. **1 Cor 1:12** "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?"
2. In His name we glorify God: **1 Pet 4:16** "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf."
3. No other name can bring salvation: **Acts 4:12** "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

**B. It is wonderful to wear such a beautiful name.**

### IV. WHAT DOES THIS NAME MEAN TO US?

**A. We will honor Him who gave it. (As a husband and wife)**

**B. We will live like Christ:**

1. **1 John 2:6** "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."
2. **1 John 1:7** "Walk in the light as He is in the light..."

### V. CONCLUSION:

**A. THE NEW NAME...**

1. It is a wonderful name.
2. It is a name to be worn with honor.

**B. Glorify His name **Psalm 29:2** "Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."**