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Isaiah 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 is very important. It not only identifies us, but can shape our very personalities and lives. Parents often struggle for weeks or months with what to name a child. Lands and countries have to carefully choose names that reflect something good to the world. Even in the naming of pets, we want to choose something that is pleasant and reflective of how we want the pet to be seen.

Choosing the right name is important because we'll be using it our entire lives. There is another name though that is vastly more important—it's the name of God's people. Religious groups today often name themselves after some person or name they have thought of. Those names are foreign to the Bible and not to be used. The LORD has always named His people and that is the only name we are to be called by.

In the Old Testament the people of the LORD were called Israelites. The name “Israel” contains the name of God. The basic meaning of

“Israel” means, “God prevails.” The first time we find the name “Israel” in the Bible is Genesis 32:28, *“And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.”* God changed the name of Jacob to Israel. It was not man who chose this name. It was God.

Isaiah 62:2 tells us that the Gentiles would see the righteousness of the LORD and be called by a new name. The LORD, not man, would once again be the One to choose this name.

The Gentiles are mentioned because they would now be included with the people of God. They could already serve and obey the LORD, but when the New Testament came, there was no more Jew or Gentile. Galatians 3:28, *“There is neither Jew nor Greek...”* We are now all one with a new name.

We learn this new name in Acts 11:26, *“And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.”* Centuries before the New Testament, Isaiah told us we would be called by a new name that the LORD would name. We learn that name is now Christian. Under the Old Testament, the people had the name of God in their name (Israelites). Under the New Testament we have the name of Christ (Christian.) In Heaven we will have the name of God.

Revelation 3:12, *“Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] my new name.”* Jesus says he will write His new name upon us.

Not only will we have this new name, but we also will have the name of the city of God, which is new Jerusalem. Then we are told that the LORD will write upon us His new name.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke & Richard Connolly. Larry Compton** continues to recover from eye surgery. **Linda Terry** continues to recover from a broken hip. **Maggie Riffle** remains sick with a viral infection.

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In the Old Testament Jacob was given a new name, Israel. In the New Testament we are given the new name of Christian. In Heaven the saved will be given a new name.

It seems we will be given individual names as well as the name of God. Revelation 2:17, *“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.”* This seems to be a personal and individual name. No one will know it but us. That doesn’t mean we will be the only one who knows our name, but “know” in this context is to be the only one who has this name. I’m thankful it’s chosen for us. It will be perfect and eternal.

We will be given a new personal name, but we still have the name of God. It’s much the same way we have a given name and a family name. Revelation 22:4, *“And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.”* I’m thankful we will be counted worthy to eternally wear the name of God upon our foreheads.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, January 30, 2022		
Classes	7	Matthew 12:31-37
Preaching	12	II Timothy 3:11-17
Contribution	\$1197.00	
Evening	4	Genesis 22:1-24
Wednesday, February 2, 2022		
Classes	3	Psalms 95-96

Bible Quiz

We are told to worship the LORD in the beauty of what?

Last Week’s Answer—Majesty and strength (Psalm 93:1)

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For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

—Isaiah 66:22

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)