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Psalm 111:9 *“He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend [is] his name.”*

Many people use the word “reverend” to refer to a preacher. I’m not sure where or how this began, but to do so is bestowing upon a human a word we are told is the LORD’s name. The word “reverend” is only used once in the Bible, and it’s in the above verse. It is the LORD’s name.

I’ve had people call me “reverend” simple because I am a minister here. I have told people that is not to be done because that term is only used once in the Bible, and it is the LORD’s name. I then have had people ask me what I want to be called. I tell them, “Marty.” I have no title, nor do I want one.

To be desirous of a title is like the Pharisees of the New Testament. They loved titles. We are told regarding the Pharisees in Matthew 23:6-10, *“<sup>6</sup>And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, <sup>7</sup>And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. <sup>8</sup>But be not ye called Rabbi: for one*

*is your Master, [even] Christ; and all ye are brethren. <sup>9</sup>And call no [man] your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. <sup>10</sup>Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, [even] Christ.”*

The LORD does not permit us to use titles that denote a special “holy” standing or position such as “Rabbi,” “Father,” and “Master.” It’s interesting that Rabbi and Father are commonly used in religious groups today, overtly going against the teachings of the Bible. Of course it’s permitted to call your parent, “father.” The Bible itself refers to our fathers and the honor they are to receive. The wrong is in calling someone “father” in a religious sense.

Not only are we told the LORD’s name is reverend, but Psalms tells us “holy” is His name. Ironically, I’ve never met someone who uses the word “holy” as a title. But, it would make more sense to do so because we are told to be “holy.” I Peter 1:15-16, *“<sup>15</sup>But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; <sup>16</sup>Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”* We are told to be “holy” but never are we told to be “reverend.”

I cannot imagine using the word “holy” in front of my name as a title. I truly do not know of any religious group who does that, but I’m sure some have or will in time.

Do not use spiritual or religious titles. They are prohibited by the Bible. If you are worshiping where the leaders use these religious titles, they are doing wrong. We are to be “Christians” plain and simple, and children of God. The only time I want an “addition” or change to my name, is when we receive the new name in Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

Revelation 2:17, *“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; 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.”*

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

# News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, Erin Davis, Leon Seaton, and Frances Kidd.**

—Congratulations to **John Mark Thrasher** and **David Vanderstoep** who were baptized yesterday at the building.

—The ladies' online Bible class will have their second meeting on FaceBook Messenger this Thursday at 8:00 p.m. central time.

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Philippians 3:20-21, *“<sup>20</sup>For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>21</sup>Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.”*

All of us suffer physical problems. From the common cold to serious conditions, we all have our bodies suffer physical ailments. As we grow older, we can feel the ravages of time. We hurt more, our eyes dim, the trips to the doctor become far more frequent and we often just simply do not feel good. Even in our small county, there are multiple doctors, a hospital, and a nursing home. Why? Because our bodies wear out as we age. We need this medical care to help us as we spend our remaining days in this life.

When objects wear out, we tend to repair or even replace. With time we might need a new car, new appliances, a new computer or perhaps because of serious damage, a new house. The moment we have the new items, they too begin to age and wear out.

Paul said that Jesus would change our vile body and make it fashioned like unto the glorious body of Jesus himself. This will be an eternal body, one that can never be sick, hurt or die.

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Sunday, September 23, 2018		
Classes	19	Hebrews 4:1-11
Preaching	28	Hebrews 5:11-6:6
Contribution	\$685.00	
Evening	23	Matthew 1:1-25
Wednesday, September 26, 2018		
Classes	18	I Chronicles 12:40

Visitors— Sep 23 (AM) Taylor Quigley, Ellie Ballard, Easton Ballard (Glasgow, KY)

## Bible Quiz

Why was the Son of God called “Jesus?”

Last Week's Answer— Healing in His wings (Malachi 4:2)

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We all look forward to new things, but most of all I look forward to this new body. No longer will we suffer the ailments that plague our physical bodies.

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## —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)