OUR NAME--CHRISTIAN.

Gen 17,5 Abraham's name Changed to Abraham. Gen 32,28 Jacob to Israel--Mt 16,16-18 Simon Peter Cephas..

The descendants of Abraham were called ~~h~~ Israel. They were promised a ~~nee~~ a new name,that the mouth of the Lord should name Isaih 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. The gentiles shall see thy righteousness.The Jew and the Gentile were enemies until Ac.10 When Peter was sent to Cornelieus who was a Gentile And the messenger told Cornelieus to send For Peter who will tell thee what thou must do Ac.10,5..And Peter relating it later worded it like this,Who shall tell thee words whereby thou and ~~thy=house~~ all thy house shall be saved.Ac.11,14 . Which Paul referred to in Ac.14,27 mentioning all that God had done for them,and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentile,as recorded in ac.10.

In the beginning of Christ's ministry He chose twelve disciples and named them apostles,charging them to preach that the kingdom of heaven is at hand,Go not in the way of the Gentiles,and in the cities of the Samaritans enter ye not,but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.But Just before He ascended He Commanded them to preach the Gospel to every creature.

This Prophecy above states that the Gentile shall see thy righteousness,at the time they ~~a~~ere to be called by that new name. Now we go to ~~it~~ Ac.11,26 And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioc.

Now let us call your attention to the name given to God's people, Ac.26,28 King agrippa speaking to Paul,Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.1 Pe.4,16 If any man suffer as a Christian ,let him not be ~~as~~ ashamed;but let him glorify God om this behalf.Jas.2,7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by which we are called?

Eph.3,15 For whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named.

ANY BUSINESS ORGANIZATION HAS A NAME,ordinarily named for its founder.

Christ is the Head,the founder of the Church Eph.1,22 Which He wrought in Christ,when He ~~wrought~~ raised Him from the dead,and gave Him to be ~~he~~ head over the Church,which is His body.-Col.1,18 And He is the head of the body,the church: who is the beginning,the first born from the dead, that in all things He might have the preeminence.

He is the builder-Mt.16,16-18 Upon this rock I will build my Church. Ac 2,47 And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. And God hath set some in the church,first the apostles--1 Cor 12-28

He is the foundation 1 Cor.3,11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid,which is Christ Jesus.

We are built upon this foundation Eph.2,20 And ye are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,Jesus Christ being the Chiefe corner stone.

He purchased the Church Ac.20,28 To the elders-Feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood.Eph.5,25 He gave Himself for it. He is the foundation,the builder,adds to it,gave Himself for it, Purchased it with His own blood,Then He married it .

Ro.7,4 Wherefore,my brethren ,ye also are become dead to the law; (The law of Moses)that ye should be married to another,even to Him who is raised from the dead,that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

Married to Him,-First espoused1 Cor.11,2 Paul says,For I have espoused you to one husband.--Begotten James 1,18 Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth-the seed of the kingdom--the Gospel.

Begotten,Born again,not of corruptible seed but ~~&~~ incorruptible seed ~~but incorruptible~~,by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever.

Born again-A Child of God Gal.3,26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.--A family name Eph.3,15 For this cause I bow my ~~k~~nees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,Of whom the whole f family in heaven and earth is named.

We take His name by being married to Him- He that is Joined to the Lord is one Spirit 1 Cor.6,17.

Rev.19,7 Rejoice and be glad,for the marriage of the Lamb is come. We then become subject to Him Eph.5,24 Therefore as the church is subject to Christ,so ought the wives be to their own husc~~g~~bands in everything. WE ARE NOW UNDER OBLIGATION TO HIM INBRINGING OTHERS TO THE FOLD.

Rev.22,17 And the Spirit and the bride say,Come.And let him that heareth say,come.And let him that is athirst come,and drink of the water of life freely. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed,do all in the name of t the Lord Jesus,giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

We take His name as a bride,He gave Himself for us,Purchased us with His own blood,sanctified and cleansed us by the washing of water,by the word,presented it to Himself a glorious Church,without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,but that we should be Holy and without blemish,Eph,5, 23-27. Let us not blasphame that worthy name by which we are called Jas. 2,7.-- Believe,repent,of our sins,Confess His name,And be baptized in His name.Then whatsoever we do,Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ Giving thanks unto the Father By Him.

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