



What's in a Name?

Men say that it makes no difference what name you wear in religion. The Bible says there is salvation in only one name, the name of Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4: 12).

In three places in the New Testament the followers of Christ are called Christians. "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch" (Acts 11:26). King Agrippa said to the apostle Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28). "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in his name," 1 Peter 4:16, ASV). This is the "worthy (honorable) name by which ye were called" (James 2: 7).

It is important that Christians wear the name of Christ, and no other name. Christ is honored by this name. It signifies that we belong to him. All his followers can unite in this name. We can wear it in faith. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3: 17).

In order to have the salvation that is in Christ, we must be baptized into his name (Acts 2: 38). “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3: 26,27).