

OUR PROPHETIC NEW NAMES in the Kingdom

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ABSTRACT: Your name is special and yet we're all going to be given *new* names in the Kingdom of God. Do we need a new name? Yes, we do – and the Bible clearly reveals at least two of several new names we'll receive. Learn about the new name we already carry, and the solemn responsibilities we have in upholding that holy name. We pray this message will encourage and inspire you.

“WHAT’S IN A NAME? “ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME WOULD SMELL AS SWEET” - So Shakespeare said.

Shakespeare may think so, but God puts a lot of stock into what HE names things. Names have meaning to God. Having a name is very important to God. Your *name* becomes your trademark, your reputation, it *defines* you, and in God's eyes, even describes what *He sees in you, and what you really are.*

God Himself has many names. That's a topic all by itself. Abraham and the early prophets knew God by many names – El, El SHADDAI, and so forth. As God would do something that revealed another facet of His character, He revealed another of His names or titles – the God who heals, the God who sees, The Almighty God, and so on. So names mean a lot to God. Your name is who you are. It's what people think of, when they hear our name. A name can bring to mind wonderful thoughts, or bad thoughts, or frankly – a combination of both if we talk to enough people. And that is largely why we need new names.

People put a lot of thought, usually, in selecting their *baby's name*. Usually it has to do with how it sounds, or a name tying the baby to one of the loved relatives. God's names go way beyond that.

Hello everyone, this is Philip, your brother in the faith – talking about your names and what your future names from God could be, and why you will be given new names – more than one – from God. Those new names from God will be very positive, very uplifting.

We'll also study why your names matter - and what happens to you because of your names - and how God will be able to use your names for His will and purposes in the future. Notice I'm using the plural: “names”.

When the Bible uses the word “name” - it also refers to your *reputation*. Reputation is what people think we are. Character is what we really are. When GOD speaks of having a *good name*, though, I think He is more referring to what you *really are*, not just what people *think* you are. In real life, people often are not in their private life what people may think they are. Herein is the rub: our names have to be real, and a real reflection of how GOD sees us.

Prov 22:1 A good name (or reputation) is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor - being held in high esteem - - is better than silver or gold.” **Ecclesiastes** 7:1 says something similar.

“REPUTATION” - it's what people *think* of you. And of course reputations, and names, can be ruined in an instant by even one act of folly or sin. And we've *all* done that - its just that some

haven't had their follies exposed as much as others. For example, there were many adulterers no doubt in Israel. Many murderers. But we read of **David**. And David's murder of Uriah and adultery with Bathsheba *did* tarnish his reputation, horribly. We still read of it. And David paid, and paid, and *paid* for that. But God is able to help us - upon repentance - start over and rebuild our name, and He goes even further, as we'll see. Please **be turning to Revelation 3**.

We've all developed reputations and *names* - because we have *all* sinned -- *that don't measure up* to the level GOD needs. I **don't know about you: but I admit I need a new name spiritually.** **And so do you,** and that is exactly why you and I will be *given* new names by God. Don't get on your high and mighty horse and talk about someone else's sullied reputation or name, for you too will *need* a new name – or else why would God be wanting to give you a new one? *God can and does redeem us of all failures, all spoiled reputations if we repent and come to Him - and He gives us our new names. Even if you think your name and reputation are secure, its still going to be changed, because we have all sinned, we have all sullied our names and need NEW ones.*

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***”

God - - who called you and me - will not easily discard us. GOD is our Redeemer and is willing to buy us back, including redeeming our names and reputations.

You do not buy back something that does not have value in your eyes. (REPEAT)

IF GOD is willing to buy us, to redeem us, He must see us as someone He *wants* to redeem! Nobody redeems a bunch of *worthless dirt*! For example - if you redeem something from a pawn shop, it is because you see *value* in the item. God loves and values you so much He actually paid the ultimate price for you. And He's willing to redeem your name – and in fact give you a brand new one, in fact several new names as we'll see.

*****TODAY, I WANT TO SHARE THIS TOPIC ABOUT OUR NEW NAMES!**

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THREE names are mentioned – which we'll now examine one at a time. The 3 are the name of my God, name of the city of my God, and will write on us His new name.

1. “NAME OF MY GOD”

WHAT IS GOD'S NAME? Wow! We could have a whole Bible study on this topic alone.

GOD has many names He uses. Be turning to Ephesians 3. As you do that, remember that JESUS is the speaker in Revelation 2 and 3, as He addresses the seven churches. So when the speaker – Jesus – says He will give us the “NAME OF MY GOD” – He is obviously not referring to Himself.

Jesus was also God - John 1:1-2 say so. But in this case the “NAME OF MY GOD” must refer to the Father, as we shall see in Ephesians.

God’s church is called “the church of GOD” because it is God the Father’s assembly, it is God the Father’s people, HIS group, HIS children, His family, His house, His temple. Jesus referred to the temple as “my Father’s house” several times. Jesus’ purpose was to redeem and atone for us so we could become part of the House of God the Father. His role was to make it possible for us to get to know GOD, His Father and His God. Though Jesus is called “God” too, He Himself—in Rev. 3:12 – calls God the Father HIS God.

(see also John 20:17 and compare to verse 28; If you want more on this fact that God the Father is “the God of” Jesus as well, see: Romans 15:6; 2 Cor. 1:3; 2 Cor. 11:31; Eph. 1:3, 17; Col. 1:3; 1 Pet. 1:3)

Ephesians 3:14-15 For this reason **I bow my knees to the FATHER** of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 *from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named...*

WHAT family is he talking about? *It has to be, surely, the family of God.*

Though some Bible translations say “from whom EVERY family in heaven and earth is named”, instead of saying like KJV and NKJV - “THE” whole family.

GOD IS NOT the Father of the people of the world -- YET. NOT until they disown their present father and receive the seed of God, His Holy Spirit, and are brought into GOD’S FAMILY.

Jesus said so to the people of His time on earth who were baiting Him:

John 8:41 “You *do the deeds of YOUR FATHER.*”

Jesus gives them some bait in return - and they snatch it!

Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; **WE have one Father -- God.**”

BUT JESUS QUICKLY PUTS THAT NOTION TO REST. JESUS was not afraid of confrontation and sometimes an “in your face” approach, which he certainly shows HERE.

John 8:42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. 43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not *able* to listen to My word. 44 **YOU ARE OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL,** and the desires of your father you want to do.. .”

Like that statement or not, it’s what Jesus said! ***God can’t be someone’s father unless He has given you His seed, which is the Holy Spirit, and therefore we are of the same stock, the same DNA if you will.*** That’s what it says in **1 Peter 1:23**, where it says we are being born again (or “begotten again” – Greek: gennao) not of corruptible seed but by incorruptible seed.

THAT is why it says in Rom 8:14 that those “who have God’s spirit, and are led by the spirit are the sons of God” You can’t be led by something you don’t have. You can’t have the SPIRIT unless you

are called by God, come to Jesus, go thru Jesus' open door and accept Him as your SAVIOR and King, God and Master. We are not in Christ, we are not HIS people, unless we have His spirit (Romans 8:9)

Please be turning TO JOHN 20. Remember what Jesus Himself said, when He was resurrected. He met Mary Magdalene at the garden tomb, and note what He says. *Father calls us*, as we shall be the bride of Christ, and the *bride* is selected by the Father, but then JESUS is the one who *meets us and takes us* to the Father.

We can be saved by NO other name than Jesus (Acts 4:12) ... but Jesus' goal is to introduce us to FATHER as well as to HIMSELF, since Jesus will be our husband, but we are to be granted God's family name once we marry Jesus.

Right after Jesus' resurrection, He says to Mary Magdalene, the first to see the resurrected Christ:

John 20:17 "Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to *My brethren* and say to them, 'I am ascending to *My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.*'"

We can't be Jesus' brother or sister unless we're sons and daughters of the same father, folks!
What Jesus said to Mary Magdalene was *a thunderbolt of new thought back then!*

GOD, as *they* knew God until Jesus came, was the "great and awesome God" that Daniel spoke of in Daniel 9:3-4. God was considered unapproachable in His holiness. But here's Jesus saying that GOD is also our "Pat-ER", or FATHER - THAT'S the Greek word here.

(NT:3962 pater (pat-ayr')' father or parent

The New Testament writers go to great depth to explain that though God is as awesome and holy as ever, He is NOW approachable, and we can come boldly to His throne of grace by the sacrifice and atoning, redemptive act of our husband-to-be, Jesus Christ. (Heb. 4:16), where we can now find grace, mercy and help in time of need.

SOME of you hearing this have never had a loving Father, a DEAR Father, a GOOD father. You all have fathers - or you wouldn't be here. But perhaps your *own* physical dad was distant, unloving, too busy, perhaps worse- abandoned you, or was a criminal, a jailbird, a drug addict and such.

Whatever. Forgive him. Listen to the study I have on forgiving as GOD forgives. Might as well build as close, as strong, as respectful, as loving a relationship with your human father also, as much as you can. We are to respect and honor our father simply because he is our father. The fifth commandment gives no parameters. It doesn't say "honor your father if he is honorable in your eyes" - it just says "honor your father and mother."

OR perhaps, God blessed you with an incredible human father... and if so, value what that does for you too.

But one thing *I now* know - you now have *the* Father to top all Fathers. *You* have come into

the family of the HIGHEST. . . . and it didn't just happen. *He* picked you. That's what Jesus told the disciples in **John 15:16** - "you did not choose me, I CHOSE YOU". HE decided to bring you into this elite group, this *incredible* collection of people who will work together in loving harmony - though not so perfectly doing that right *now* - and the HIGHEST, THE CREATOR GOD, the ETERNAL himself is one you can ALWAYS approach, and one who will NEVER, EVER, EVER, NO *NEVER* EVER leave you nor forsake you.

Now you have your Father. Don't FORGET Him. Don't ignore Him. DO come to Him. Live and breathe and move in Him (Acts 17:28).

I'll just CITE a few verses you know I'm sure - and you can write the passages down instead of turning to them all.

cite Matthew 12:50 "For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

NOW LETS RE-READ EPH 3:14-15, this time from the NIV:

Ephesians 3:14-15 "For this reason I kneel before *the Father, 15 from whom HIS whole family* in heaven and on earth derives its name."

GOD THE FATHER is not just the Father of Jesus, He is as much a FATHER OF ALL THOSE Jesus is calling into a relationship with him, as He is for Jesus.

I'll cite a couple more verses you'll recognize. Just jot these down.

cite 2 Corinthians 6:18 "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons *and daughters*, Says the LORD Almighty." DON'T feel left out, ladies.

NOW TURN WITH ME TO: John 1:10-13 He (Jesus) was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 **But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God**, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." Children OF God – OF, belonging to, means we're HIS children, HIS kids.

Please be turning now to **2 Samuel 12**.

AS CHILDREN OF GOD, WE carry that family name everywhere we go, with every word we utter, every act we do, every look and every movement. everything we do reflects on our FAMILY.... and on our FAMILY NAME. WE are of the family of GOD, and hold *that name* either in reverence - or DISrespect. We keep it HOLY, or make it profane and unholy. We bring God either *glory and honor* - as *lights* of that king's way, or we bring it DIShonor. I've done plenty of both of these things – but have repented of the dishonor I've sometimes brought Father and His family when I've failed. You've done that too; in fact we ALL have sinned. If we've repented, there may still be consequences, but at least God forgives even if some people want to act like Satan and be the "accuser of the brethren" and go trying to DESTROY whatever might be left of anyone's reputation, as if they have never sinned themselves. They forget the admonition that "let he who is WITHOUT sin cast the first stone."

So if you know of someone's sins – especially if their PRESENT life reflects a new life in Christ – ***YOU become the more guilty one*** if you dig up someone's past and go spreading around all that DUNG to everyone you can. *You can't go around flinging other people's dung without getting a lot of crap on your own hands!* And God be *merciful* to you if you're doing that. Don't! For if we are so unforgiving and so MEAN to others, to gossip about their past, what comes around goes around and God will be unforgiving of YOU. Remember Godly love covers a multitude of sins and God's love is kind and hopes for the best (1 Corinthians 13). I know people who keep *track* of, keep a record of, what they think people's sins are! How unconverted is that?

Having said that, when we DON'T hold God's name – which He gives us to carry – when we don't hold it in HIGHEST esteem, God really does get upset! We, in a sense, hold HIS name, His reputation to some degree, in our conduct! DAVID'S sins with Uriah, Bathsheba, and the resultant death of DOZENS of people – not just Uriah – is a case in point. Let's read it.

2 Samuel 12:7-15 In verses 7-12, Nathan confronts David about his sin, and the consequences he'll now have as a result. Let's pick up in verse 13:

2 Samuel 12:13 “So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” *And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die.” 15 Then Nathan departed to his house.”*

David repented and God will let him be king over Israel in the resurrection. David is remembered for many wonderful things, and in time, hopefully we can purge *this* sin of his from our memory. There are people today who would have no fellowship with someone who is an adulterer. How about David? Would they fellowship with HIM? Would King David be allowed in your church?

What people think of YOU and ME will be what they may think of GOD and God's people - since we claim to BE God's people. It's an AWESOME responsibility. I know every time I fail, every time I am unkind to my wife or others, every time I fall short - and its SO OFTEN, it seems - I think of that verse about David's sins allowing God's enemies to blaspheme. How shameful of us when we allow that to happen. So there's a solemn responsibility to having God's name on us. We must walk a new walk now, **walking worthy of our high calling (Eph. 4:1; Col. 1:10; Phil. 1:27; 1 Thes. 2:12).** Hear my message about “New Creation” – and you'll understand how we do this, even as we still sometimes stumble and still fall short.

When we receive the Holy spirit, we receive the SEED of GOD, and as we grow, we are supposed to look like Father.

How do we look like our father? WE LIVE THE WAY HE LIVES

- 1 John 2:3-6 “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we **keep His commandments**. 4 He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 ***He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.***”

(Give the story of how children literally even *walk like* their parents.)

We should be *walking like* God. Over time, we start to even *look like* God - So people *ideally* could SOME DAY say to you - ***“everything I have learned about God I have learned by watching you.”***

Isn't that what Jesus was saying when He said “If you've seen me, you've seen the Father.”

Should it be any less for you and me - *eventually, if not right now* - that *we* will be able to someday say - “If you want to know what Father is like, follow me as I follow God. Watch the good things God does in me and through me”. I know that sounds self righteous—but eventually others should see God working in us.

PAUL said that - “FOLLOW or imitate ME, AS I follow God.” (1 Cor. 11:1)

So we have to be led by God's spirit... and *learn* what it means to be *children of GOD*.

And we are to take Father's name, so God the Father FULLY becomes our *own* real, dear, “abba” Father. ***In the New Testament, the Aramaic word used for “father” when referring to God is “abba” – more like our word “Daddy”.***

Romans 8:14-17 “For as many as ***ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT*** of God, ***these*** are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “***Abba, Father.***” 16 The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and ***if children, then heirs -- heirs of God*** and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

WHAT does ABBA mean? According to VINE'S Expository Dictionary (quoting)
abba NT:5 **is an Aramaic word**, found in Mark 14:36; Rom 8:15 and Gal 4:6. In the Gemara (a Rabbinical commentary on the Mishna, the traditional teaching of the Jews) **it is stated that slaves were forbidden to address the head of the family by this title..... Abba is the word FRAMED BY THE LIPS OF INFANTS**, and betokens unreasoning trust; “father” however expresses an **intelligent apprehension of the relationship**. The two together express the love and intelligent confidence of the child.” (repeat)

ABBA” could have well been the first INTELLIGIBLE word a HEBREW TODDLER would say ... AB-BA.... dear DADDY.

TURN WITH ME please to Mark 14:34....(pause)

THE VERY FIRST PLACE IT IS USED in the New Testament is full of emotion and passion and feeling. Abba is **first** used by **JESUS**, our Savior and Brother and Master in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus, struggling with the enormity of His commission before Him, the horribly slow death and torture that awaited him, and feeling the weight of all the sins of all mankind coming upon Him, felt pretty down for part of that night.... and He fell on His face And poured his heart out to His heavenly daddy. Talk about the weight upon Jesus that night. And upon Abba, too.

The word "Gethsemane" *means* OLIVE PRESS - a huge stone that was used *to press the oil* out of olives. And our Husband Jesus FELT that PRESS, *felt* that weight of all the world on him.... and it HURT, it was distressing, it was *depressing* for a time. Probably most of all He was not looking forward to being *separated* from Abba for the first time ever, once all the sins of humanity were heaped on His perfect life. Notice His words.

Mark 14:34-36 "Then He said to them (Peter James and John), "My soul is *exceedingly* sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch."

Today we might say, "I feel really *crushed* inside, full of GRIEF, I'm really, really down.. ...I, I could just die, I'm so down".

Verse 35 "He went a little farther, and FELL on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. 36 And **He said**, "AB-BA! Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

The *passion* of our LORD was *intense* at this moment.

Believe you me, there was passion felt in heaven too, *by* Abba, Jesus' father, and your Father. Could ANY father - with the unlimited power He had at His disposal - easily sit by and watch His perfect Son suffering so much without stopping the suffering? If you could help - but don't use, can't use that power if you realize this *anguish* has to happen - - the anguish our Abba "Father" was feeling had to at *least* match what Jesus was feeling....perhaps even more.

That level of intimacy Jesus has at this moment in the Garden is what you and I can have with FATHER too. We truly become *His* children.

SLAVES were NOT ALLOWED to address the head of the household as ABBA. That was a right afforded only to *real children, or adopted children* of the Father.

Cite Galatians 4:6-7 "And because you are sons -- *or children* - , God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 **Therefore you are no longer a slave** but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

WHY DID I SPEND SO MUCH TIME ON GOD BEING OUR ABBA, FATHER? BECAUSE ANY FATHER GIVES HIS CHILDREN HIS NAME.

My children have one name that is the same: Shields.

It's the family name. It is part of their identity.

It is one name.

I am Shields. They are Shields too – one name, though different beings.

The Word was with God, and the Word was God. Yet Jesus and God His father are *one*. . . though more than one being. We know this, because in John 17:21, let's see what Jesus prayed just before Gethsemane about His disciples:

John 17:21 "that *they all may be one*, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may

be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

The disciples were OBVIOUSLY many different people, different personalities.... but He wanted them to be, act, as ONE, in purpose, harmony and unity.

ONE of the signs of being a true disciple - and there are many signs given actually - but one most know well is that we're SO UNITED that the LOVE we have for one another is EVIDENT. Just like the LOVE Jesus had for Father and Father had for Jesus. THAT kind of love for each other.

MOVING ON:

WE ARE GOING TO BE NAMED THE SAME THING AS OUR FATHER. We will have HIS NAME on us, WRITTEN on us. REV 3:12 says “I will write upon him the name of my God”

We know the first few words in the Bible begin with - “IN THE BEGINNING GOD...”
That word for “GOD” is the Hebrew word ELOHIM - a PLURAL word for EL or ELOAH,

Elo-HIM: here's what Strong's says:

OT:430

'elohiym (el-o-heem'); plural of OT:433; gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative: God, gods, angels, magistrates, mighty.

ELOHIM is God's FAMILY name. God also reveals Himself as the I AM to Moses in Ex 3:14 - Eternal Self Existent One, El Shaddai God Almighty, Yhwh Ropheeka God our Healer, God our Redeemer, God Who Sees, and many many other names that reveal who and what HE IS and what He does.

So we will be called by God's name. We will also be part of the literal expanding family of God.

cite Rev 14:1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, *having His Father's name written on their foreheads.*

ARE YOU UPHOLDING THAT NAME? HAVE WE COME ALL THE WAY OUT of Babylon, and are moving into the KINGDOM of our Father more and more in the way we live and move and have our being.

Let's look now at the 2nd name we are given:

2. NAME OF THE CITY OF MY GOD, THE new JERUSALEM

Rev 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.”*

This, when its understood, is SO inspiring. This name reveals your authority, your standing, where you're from, who you are.

For example, the title “PRINCE OF WALES”, let’s look at how that title came to be.

In 1301 - King Edward 1 of England had conquered Wales, and the following year had his son born in Caernaevon Castle in Wales, in 1302. He was called “the Prince of Wales”, because he was *born there*, and the custom stuck, the custom of calling the heir to the throne “the Prince of Wales”. I don’t think the Welsh liked it at the time, but my point is – we KNOW if we’re introduced to someone as “the Prince of Wales” - -we know he is the next king of England. That is, of course, Prince Charles’ title.

When Queen Elizabeth had a baby son 50 some years ago, HE was given a new name too. In fact SEVERAL new names.

Family Name - HOUSE OF WINDSOR

Prince of WALES, Charles – then all his numerous “middle” names

HIS TITLE: PRINCE CHARLES, of the HOUSE OF WINDSOR (his family name), the PRINCE OF WALES - tells anyone who understands it, that he’s the successor to the throne of England.

We will be no different. When we have the name of our God, *and the name of the city of our God*, it says we’re from *there* - not from here. We were *born* there as it were not here, the way God sees it, hence Heavenly Jerusalem is called the “mother of us all”, of all God’s children (**Galatians 4:26**)

When we are citizens of a particular country, we are REGISTERED as citizens of that country.

Note: **Heb 12:22-24** “But you have come to **Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**, to an innumerable company of angels, **23 to the general assembly and CHURCH of the firstborn who ARE REGISTERED IN HEAVEN**, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect....

Ps 87:1-6 A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song.

1 His foundation is in the holy mountains. 2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob. 3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! Selah

4 *"I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: 'This one was born there.'"*

5 *And of Zion (heavenly Jerusalem) it will be said, "THIS one and THAT one were born in HER; And the Most High Himself shall establish her."*

6 *The LORD will record, When He registers the peoples: "THIS one was born THERE."*

Are you hearing what that verse is saying of you and me?

The verse in Rev 3:12 lends credence to the Spanish practice, who retain *both* their father’s and mother’s names, as well as that of their new spouse. So will we. We have the Father’s family name – ELOHIM, PLUS the mother’s name – The New Jerusalem.

What does all this mean so far:

In the World to come, when God sends you on a mission, when you are introduced to an

audience, your name, including the phrase 'of heavenly Jerusalem' - which will be included in your name, will tell all, that you are among the FIRSTBORN, the first fruits, and that you are a prince or princess of that kingdom.

As EVERYONE eventually becomes converted, knowing your name - and that it includes where you're from - will help you be far more effective and get things done faster. You're a son of God on a mission from the King! *In fact, besides being a child of God, you will also be the BRIDE of the KING OF KINGS! All this is not just for vain glory and pomp and ceremony – but to help us be more effective in serving people and opening doors of opportunity for them.*

3. “MY NEW NAME”

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.”

“My new name” could be *sharing His own new name with us*, or it could be giving us our OWN new name, but one that HE comes up with - hence “MY name”.

a) FIRST POSSIBILITY: SHARING JESUS' NEW NAME

When a bride marries, she takes on the name of her husband. Our Husband is Christ. We are Christians.

Father will give Jesus a new name to add to his many others. just as Prince Charles has many middle names.

Rev 19:11-16 “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And **He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**”

Please turn now to Isaiah 9.

A great passage about how the name of the Son of God reveals who and what He is:

Isaiah 9:6 “For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His NAME will be called ‘**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**’ ”

YES, Jesus is also *mighty God* YES, when Jesus marries His bride the church, they will have

OFFSPRING, and in that regard, He will be their Father also in a way.

So WE too may be given some of those names, if we understand “I will give him MY new name” to mean that.

Or, it can also mean “I will give him the new name I have come up with for him” -

Or it can mean BOTH, I think. I think it means BOTH - we will be given one of Jesus’ names AND we will be RENAMED.

B) 2nd possibility: BEING GIVEN OUR OWN NEW NAME

I personally think we will all be given SEVERAL new names.

One possibility: A name which is only for us to know

Revelation 2:17 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. *And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.*"

Or, a name that reveals the way Jesus now sees us. *God names people for the way they will be or have become.*

For example:

ADAM ‘ RED earth. Don’t ever forget Adam, you did not evolve. You did not climb from slime. No, Adam, you’re a *clod from God*.

EVE ‘ means LIFE, since she’s the mother of all living

ABRAM ‘ father of elevation **ABRAHAM** ‘ father of a multitude (Gen 17:5)

SARAI ‘ contentious **SARAH** ‘ Princess

JACOB ‘ supplanter

cite Gen 32:28 After wrestling all night, the One who became JESUS says to Jacob: "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed. **ISRAEL** ‘ overcomer, prevailer with God, prince of God

SAUL of Acts 8 was renamed PAUL. Saul thought he was pretty *big stuff*, so God renamed him Paul, meaning “*little*”. Every time they talked to him, he was reminded GOD is the big one, and I’m little. Literally.

It also happens NEGATIVELY. When one of the cherubs of God became THE ENEMY, God simply renamed him that: “the ADVERSARY”.

SATAN means “Adversary”, because he’s against God and is our enemy also.

DEVIL means “THE ACCUSER”, the *Slanderer* because no doubt he slanders God
“Satan the Devil” means “The Enemy, who Slanders”.

And the Accuser is slandering you and me every day too! When a person slanders another, he is working right in Satan's camp! Remember that. We perhaps deserve the slander – we've given Satan fodder to use against us. In sinful past, we may have sold ourselves to sin, became Satan's slaves of sin, but our FATHER IN HEAVEN wants us. Christ REDEEMS us...and when you buy something back, you have to pay a PRICE. And WHAT a price your Husband has paid for YOU! HOW He must LOVE you!

*****GOD - and your husband Jesus Christ - consider you, and me, those of us in His body right now- WORTH buying back!** Don't ask me *how* or *why*, except by His abundant grace, His overflowing love and his *unending* capacity to *forgive and forget!*

Remember what Job said in Job 19:25-27? I'll just cite it now: (Job 19:25-27)

25 *For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;*

26 *And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God,*

27 *Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!*

1 Peter 1:17-20 says we were not redeemed with corruptible things, but by the precious blood of Christ. So you're redeemed, bought back, plucked from the fire – and don't ever, don't ever, go grave digging into someone's past repented-of sins, lest you not be forgiven yourself.

So what will YOUR new name be? And when do you think you'll receive that new name?

Just as we name a baby soon after it is born, soon after we are born again in the fullest sense - as a completely spirit being -and I believe there is overwhelming evidence that we have the wedding supper in heavenly Jerusalem itself, where we are registered and where, according to PS 87 we are born - I think it is in heaven, as we're presented to our Father, that we will be given this new name

Be sure to hear my tape on the wedding supper for the full explanation showing this in scripture, part 3 of the series titled "Mystery of Christ and the Church"

MY VISION OF THIS: (DESCRIBE THE GRAND TEMPLE in heaven, with a SEA OF GLASS - a MASSIVE, MASSIVE PLACE sparkling in brilliant light....

- the 144,000 come in to this brilliant, colorful, magnificent temple of God on the sea of glass
- the applause, the cheers, the *hosannas*, the *angelic choruses*, the thunder and lightning.....
- and we come before our Father and kneel.... and worship Him and love Him and adore Him

- Then ABBA, rises - and *accepts us gladly*, emotionally, *passionately* - as did the Father of the prodigal son when he came home (Luke 15:20-24). *THAT story of the prodigal son coming home is OUR story and the way that Father reacted is a prophecy for what will happen when we see ABBA again!!! There will be celebration, a wedding supper, a party, joy forevermore (Psalm 16:11).*

- now we're with Father again....now we're home, and the mood, the emotion, the *thrill*, the JOY, the *oneness*, is going to be beyond my *frail* attempt of mine to describe.

I think this happens in heaven. I think that's where the wedding supper takes place. Just a couple quick thoughts why- but be sure to listen to the whole tape on the Wedding supper:

WHO else can perform the wedding except our *great king* -The *Father* - for His Son?
WHERE ELSE is the *only* place fitting?

And you DO remember, don't you, what it says in Rev 19 - this is just a *glimmer* of what is in the tape about the *marriage supper*.

Rev 19:1-10 After these things **I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in HEAVEN**, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! 2 For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her." 3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" 5 Then a voice came from the **throne**, (still IN HEAVEN) saying, "Praise our God, ***all you His servants and those who fear Him*** (WHO'S THAT?) , both small and great!"

6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for **the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.**" 8 And to **her** it was granted to be arrayed in **fine linen, clean and bright**, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. (*the context all along is in heaven, brethren!*)

9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

Revelation 19:11-15

Now I saw HEAVEN opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the ***armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.***

WHO comprises this army in heaven? It says its clothes in fine linen, white and clean. v. 8, says the same thing was given to the bride.

The armies in heaven include the angels - we know that. But who else?

Jude 14-15 says the Lord comes with ten thousands of HIS SAINTS! Zech 14:5 says the same.

So hear the full tape on it.... I'M personally confident the wedding is not on earth or over the earth, but in *heaven*, in the *heavenly temple itself*..

Others feel its on the earth after we land on the Mt of Olives, one feels its on a *sea of glass* hovering

above earthly Jerusalem...

We'll have to wait and see. ***I JUST WANT TO BE THERE!*** However and wherever it is, whenever it is - we are getting a new name and its going to be exciting.

BACK TO OUR NEW NAME:

Isaiah 62:1-5 For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns.

2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory.

You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name.

3 You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God.

4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah (My **DELIGHT** is in her), and your land Beulah (married); For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married.

5 For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you;

And as the BRIDEGROOM REJOICES OVER THE BRIDE,

So shall your GOD (the BRIDEGROOM) rejoice OVER YOU, (the bride).

Isn't that an AWE INSPIRING and moving verse?

Continuing: Isaiah 62:11-12

1 Indeed the LORD has proclaimed To the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.'"

12 And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD;

And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

*****When YOU are called forward - and given YOUR new name, WHAT WILL it be?**

What do you think God will name you?

- I think you and I are going to hear some incredibly endearing and encouraging words from our Savior and our Father. I believe they will tell the assembled group some of the *really awesome things* you did, as led by His spirit, that nobody knows about... or some things about your new nature and your *character* that perhaps are precious to God....

Scripture supports what I just said.

1 Timothy 5:24-25 NIV "The sins of some men are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them. 25 **In the same way, good deeds are obvious, and even those that are not, cannot be hidden.**" **THEIR good deeds won't be known until later.**

So God may have some wonderful new names for us, perhaps names like:

ENCOURAGER, PREVAILER in prayer, GENTLENESS, UNSPEAKABLE JOY, HAPPINESS BRINGER, ENLIGHTENER, LOVING ONE, STEADFAST ONE, PERSEVERER, EVERLASTING PEACE..... whatever! YOUR name will be very, very special and meaningful.

And you and I are going to say to ABBA, the great and awesome Creator of the Universe: “You’re talking about ME? That’s how you see ME? I always thought I never measured up! I always felt like such a failure!”

And God will reassure us, wipe away our tears, embrace us, and welcome us to His family amidst cheers, applause, hosannas, choruses of angels, lighting and fireworks unseen in the universe before! At least that’s my read of the scene.

WHEN we come before God in heaven, after the first resurrection, it won’t be to be chastened or judged in a NEGATIVE way. WHY do so many insist on seeing our ABBA that way? GOD is LOVE. This won’t be the time to chasten a new bride, but to welcome her (us) into His family, and present us to His holy Son Jesus who fights for us, redeems us, perfects us, presents us without spot or wrinkle or any such thing at that time. For our corruptible will have put on incorruption.

WE NEED to think about these joyous concepts more often and be able to withstand the pulls of the world and depression and sins “for the JOY that is set before us” – Hebrews 13:2.

1 Corinthians 4:4-5 “For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness **and reveal the counsels of the HEARTS. Then each one's PRAISE will come from God.**”

No wonder Jesus teaches us in Matt 6:3-4: But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; ***and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.***

When? I believe in heaven, on the sea of glass, as we’re presented to Father, just before the wedding supper... and just before we return with our husband to the earth, as presented in Rev. 19.

Brethren, we are too hard on each other. Please hear my tape about *forgiving one another in the same way as God forgives us.....*

WE NEED TO VIEW EACH OTHER IN NEW LIGHT:

When ABBA Father looks down and sees YOU - if you have accepted the REDEMPTION of Jesus Christ, he does NOT see our puny efforts and failings... He sees Jesus Christ clothing us. He sees the righteousness of CHRIST over us. He sees us as *in* Christ. He sees us as the *temple* of His *spirit*, as the very *body* of His perfect Son. **Turn to Philippians 3 please.**

If you’d rather have YOUR OWN righteousness be seen, more power to you - knock yourself out - but your own righteousness will never measure up. Maybe you’d rather listen to Apostle Paul.

Philippians 3:7-11 “But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for

whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and ***be found IN HIM, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS FROM GOD by faith;*** 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”

It's HIS righteousness that qualifies: **Jeremiah 33:16** “ In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: “THE LORD our RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

SO, if ABBA FATHER sees us in new light, should WE not be striving to be KINDER to one another, forgiving one another, letting old sins and failings fall by the side, by the grace of God? Should the children of God – who are truly children of God – not finally come together as one?

We've all done some ***UNSPIRITUAL grave digging*** of people's failings and past sins ... I have too. And it *stinks* to high heaven, brethren. Let's *stop it!* Let that sinner move on, and move ahead, and *let him* put any failed past behind him.

LET HIM OR HER RECEIVE AND BUILD A NEW NAME AS HE OR SHE WALKS NOW WITH CHRIST. Some are so intent on NOT letting that happen, and God be merciful to their spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 -- I have a whole MESSAGE TAPE on it – says we are now a NEW CREATION. Hear that message. And because of that, 2 Cor 5:18-19 says we have a ministry of *reconciliation!*

HOW ARE we doing on seeing each other as NEW?

AFTER ALL THIS - YOU MAY BE ASKING - “so what?”

THIS ISN'T just for a lot of vanity. *There will be a huge amount of work to be done when we return with Christ to the earth. Our new names will NOT be to LORD IT OVER OTHERS....no, no, a million times no, brethren..... but to better serve and get things done. We are to be servants now, not lords over God's people. The word for servant is often “under-rower” – the fella in the bottom of the sea galleys rowing all day. WORKING HARD for our God.*

In the world tomorrow, when God sends us on a mission, and we're introduced to a group, we'll be possibly introduced this way: Your NEW NAME - let's say,

“Incredible encourager, of the heavenly Jerusalem, the Mt Zion of God, Elohim”

Once the people in the millennium understand how these new names work, they'll understand that is truly what you are... and it should speed the process of being able to serve and help them, especially as they see us serving and helping them. When they see that everything we do is ALL about them, not about us, they'll see and accept God in us quickly.

Value your name. Protect your name. Cherish your name.... and the name of God, whose honor and reputation we also carry with every deed, every word, every action of our lives.

That's it for today, folks - God encourage your hearts!

God bless you, keep you, preserve you, guide you and may you always feel the love of God in your lives and let that love flow to *all* of God's children. It's time we come together and be one again.

Until next time - this is Philip. God bless you all!
