

What is thy name?

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Introduction

1. Genesis 32:27; Judges 13:17
2. This question is asked two times in our Bibles once with Jacob, then his name was changed to Israel, prince who has power with God and man
3. Then Manoah asked as angel of the Lord, but the angels name was a secret
4. Names mean something; some good and some bad Nabal (1 Samuel 25:25)
5. The study of name is interesting; let us study five names by which we might be called

II Discussion

1. Disciple
 - a. Acts 11:26
 - b. A learner; it denotes one who follows one's teaching
 - i. Of John Matthew 9:14
 - ii. The Pharisees Matthew 22:15-16
 - iii. Of Moses John 9:28
 - iv. Of Jesus John 8:31; 13:35; 15:8
2. Believer
 - a. Acts 4:32; 5:14
 - b. They trusted, hoped and had evidence of the truth of who He said He was.
 - c. John 20:30-31; Hebrews 11:6,1
 - d. Timothy was to be an example to the believers 1 Timothy 4:12
 - e. Some believed but would not confess John 12:42-43
 - f. Some believed and confessed James 2:19; Mark 1:24; 3:11; Luke 4:41; Acts 16:17
3. Brethren
 - a. Denotes a family relationship 1 Timothy 3:15
 - b. We are to love the brotherhood 1 Peter 2:17
 - c. We ought to help one another Galatians 6:1-2
4. Saint
 - a. One who is set apart and are exclusively His
 - b. Saint does not mean sinlessly perfect or superior and are dead
 - c. The Corinthians with all their problems were called saints 1 Corinthians 1:2
 - d. Christ bought and paid for them 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 - e. We are called to be different 1 Peter 2:9
 - f. The Philippians were saints Philippians 4:21; and were to stand fast and strive together 1:27
5. Christian
 - a. This names is a follower of Christ used only 3 times in the New Testament Acts 11:26; 26:28; I Peter 4:16
 - b. It was given by divine authority Isaiah 62:2; 65:15
 - c. Are you a Christian?
 - d. By whose definition? The religious worlds are God's

III Conclusion

1. Salvation is only in His name Acts 4:12
2. All that we do must be by His name Colossians 3:17

Sources: Another Hundred sermons page 18 by Leslie Thomas; East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions 1986

