LESSON #8
"SCRIPTURAL NAMES"

INTRODUCTION:
The idea that there is nothing in a name is a prevalent and popular doctrine. Today we have as many names as we do churches. We have seen in other studies that Christ was the founder of one church, as well as the foundation. Also, we find its origin, A.D. 33 in Jerusalem.

The question we ask today: "Is a name important, or does it really matter what name we use?"

1. There is so much in a name that God named Adam and Eve **(Genesis 5:2).**

2. If there is nothing in a name, explain why God changed Abram's name to "Abraham" and Sarai's name to "Sarah" **(Genesis 17:5,15).**

3. If there is no importance attached to a name, then why did God change Jacob's name to "Israel" **(Genesis 32:27, 28).** To say there is nothing in a name is but to reflect upon the wisdom of god and accuse Him of doing foolish and useless acts.

4. Paul condemned human and divisive names by asking a few questions **(I Corinthians 1:13).** 5. A name is meaningful: dogs named Fido, Satan, Rebel, etc. Sons named Bill, Bob, Joey, etc. your wife carries your name. Suppose you called a good American a Judas? Suppose you called a Bulldog fan a Gator?

Are you beginning to see there is something in a name?

What about the church? Let's turn to the Bible for the answer.

1. "My church° - **Matthew 16:18** - Jesus called it His church.

2. "The church - **Acts 8:1** - The word "church" comes from the Greek word "ekklesia" meaning a group of called-out people. The Lord had but one group and called it the church.

3. **"Church of God"**   **1 Corinthians 1:2 - shows ownership**

4. **"Churches of Christ"**   **Romans 16:16 - writer is speaking of various local
                                      churches.**

5. **"The Body of Christ"**   **Ephesians 4:12**

6. **"The church of the living God"**   **1 Timothy 3:15**

Is it not a dishonor to God and Christ to call the Church by another name? **(Acts 20:28)**

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As one looks about the religious world, there are hundreds of names that supposedly represent the Church for which Christ died. But a quick glance into the Word of God clearly shows most of these names cannot be found within the context of the Bible and, therefore, are unbiblical and unfounded.
We are asked, "Well, what's in a name anyway?"
There are many who feel that there is nothing in a name. **Acts 4:12**. There is a name above all others.

The story is told of a man arrested for making whiskey. He came before the judge, who was a church going man. The judge asked the man, "What is your name?" "Joshua," the man replied. "Are you the Joshua who made the sun stand still?" "No, sir," the man replied. "I'm the Joshua that made the moonshine."

We need not close our eyes to the fact that names are important and mean much in every field and phase of thinking and activity.

Names mean something in business (checks).
Names are important in identifying objects, persons and places.
Names mean something in marriage.
Men resent being called certain names.
Names mean something in fields of science, music are art.

Why will men argue that in the field of religion that names mean nothing?
That they mean nothing to God?

Be sure to always turn to your Bible for the your answer....

IS THERE ANYTHING IN A NAME ?

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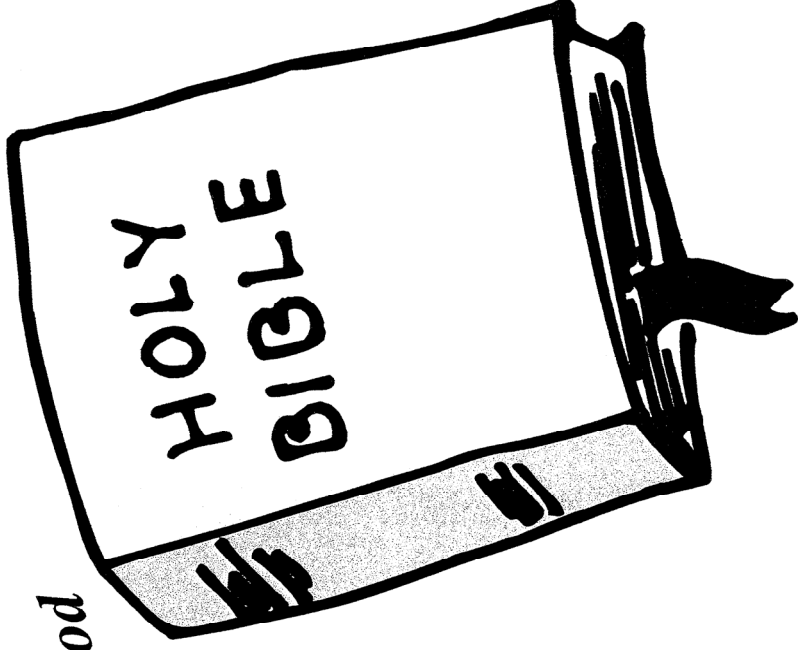Pentecostal

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