

What Is in a Name: Phil 2:5-11

5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
7 but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death –
even death on a cross!

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and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Example and Commands from the Old Testament

No One Is Named Jezebel

1 Kings 18:4-5

4 While Jezebel was killing off the Lord's prophets, Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and hidden them in two caves, fifty in each, and had supplied them with food and water.)

1 Kings 21:23-26

23 "And also concerning Jezebel the Lord says: 'Dogs will devour Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.'

24 "Dogs will eat those belonging to Ahab who die in the city, and the birds of the air will feed on those who die in the country."

25 (There was never a man like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of the Lord, urged on by Jezebel his wife. 26 He behaved in the vilest manner by going after idols, like the Amorites the Lord drove out before Israel.)

Rev 2:20-21

20 Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.

The Language of Ashdod

Neh 13:23-25

Moreover, in those days I saw men of Judah who had married women from Ashdod, Ammon and Moab. 24 Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod or the language of one of the other

peoples, and did not know how to speak the language of Judah. 25 I rebuked them and called curses down on them. I beat some of the men and pulled out their hair.

Names Are Important

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1 Peter 4:11

If anyone speaks, he should do it as one **speaking the very words of God**. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.

1 Cor 2:13

13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

Scriptural Names

Christian

Isa 62::2

2 The nations will see your righteousness,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.

Rev 2:17

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. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

Rev 3:12

I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.

Acts 11:26

So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Acts 26:26-28

27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do."

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?"

1 Peter 4:16-18

16 However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Church of Christ

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Heb 12:22-23

22 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the **heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God**. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, 23 **to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven**.

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Matt 16:18-19

8 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Rom 16:16

16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings.

Eph 1:22-23

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Eph 5:23

23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Saint(s)

1 Cor 14:33-34

As in all the congregations of the saints, 34 women should remain silent in the churches.

Col 1:12-13

12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Jude 3-4

3 Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

Rev 8:3-5

3 Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. 4 The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand. 5 Then

the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

Rev 19:8

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

The word saints appears 45 times in the New Testament, and refers to the body of believers otherwise called Christians.

Roman Catholic Doctrine

Before a person can be considered for sainthood, he/she must have been dead for at least 5 years.

First Step: The Vatican grants a "Nihil Obstat." This is a Latin phrase that means "nothing hinders." Henceforth, the candidate is called a "Servant of God."

Second Step: The Church Official, a Postulator, who coordinates the process and serves as an advocate, must prove that the candidate lived heroic virtues.

Third Step: To be called "venerable," one must be beatified and recognized as a "Blessed," one miracle acquired through the candidate's intercession is required in addition to recognition of heroic virtue (or martyrdom in the case of a martyr).

Fourth Step: Canonization requires a second miracle after beatification, though a Pope may waive these requirements. Once this second miracle has been received through the candidate's intercession, the Pope declares the person a "Saint."

Conclusion

Resolve to call Bible things by Bible Names.

Speak where the Bible speaks; be silent where the Bible is silent.