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THE CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT – LESSON 5 IT MUST BE SCRIPTURAL IN NAME

- Our Proposition** We do not believe the NT Church has one exclusive, singular, special name. We do affirm that whatever the NT Church is called today must be no different than descriptions one finds in the New Testament. Would you want the church you attend to be called something *other* than what is found in the NT? _____ Would it bother you if it was? _____
- Is There Anything In A Name?** Evidently God thinks so! (Gen 5:2) “*Male and female _____ he them; and _____ them, and called their _____ Adam, in the day when they were created.*” Another example: (Gen 17:5) “*Neither shall thy _____ any more be called _____, but thy name shall be _____.*” God told Abraham (V15), “*thou shalt not _____ her name _____, but Sarah shall her _____ be.*”
- More Examples** If there is nothing in a name why did God change (Gen 32:27-28) _____’s name to _____? What was the occasion when this happened? _____
- The Apostle Paul Condemned Human Names** The Corinthian Church suffered from division within its membership. Paul asked (1 Cor 1:13), “*Is Christ _____? was Paul _____ for you? or were ye baptized _____ Paul?*” He then makes a statement many misinterpret: (V14) “*I thank God that I _____ none of you, but _____ and _____.*” Did Paul minimize the importance of baptism? Absolutely not! Why then did he make this statement? (V15) “*Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine _____.*” Many try to make Paul say that baptism is non-essential to salvation. Paul simply showed that the “baptizer” is unimportant, that (1 Cor 3:6) “*God gave the _____.*” Who adds to the church (Acts 2:47)? _____ It is the repentant, sincere heart of the one being baptized that counts.
- Something To Consider** Men name their dogs “*Fido*” and “*Rover.*” I have known of mules named “*Lucifer*” and “*Balaam.*” Do men name their sons “*Fido,*” or “*Rover,*” or “*Lucifer?*” _____ Did you ever know of a loving mother naming her baby daughter “*Jezebel?*” _____ Do you like being called a “*liar,*” a “*fool,*” or an “*idiot?*” _____ Of course, names are important!
- “My church”** Jesus said (Mt 16:18), “*I will build _____.*” Whose church is it? _____ This is possessive. Jesus bought it with his (Acts 20:28) _____.
- “The Church”** (Acts 8:1) “*At that time there was a great _____ against _____ which was at _____.*” The GK *ekklesia* literally means *the called out*. The Church, meaning the members, is called out of what (1 Pet 2:9)? _____
- “Church of God”** (1 Cor 1:2) “*Unto the church of _____ which is at _____.*” This is *possessive*, showing ownership. EX: Bob Brown’s house = *the house of Bob Brown*. In (Acts 20:28) Jesus purchased “*the church of God---with his own blood.*” Jesus is divine = God.

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