

New Creation and a New Name

The new name is bestowed upon those who have been baptized and have begun their ministry, as was done when John the Baptist baptized our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was at this point that Christ began His ministry, and became identified as being the Messiah. In a similar sense, we have realized, through baptism, that the old self has passed away, and through YHWH, a new creation has been born. The opportunity to be one with Christ, through the infilling of the Holy Spirit, has given us new life, and with that, a new name.

The Sign of the Covenant

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." Genesis 17:1-8 NKJV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. Galatians 6:14-15 NKJV

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3 NKJV

Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' John 3:7 NKJV

...having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever... 1 Peter 1:23 NKJV

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. Isaiah 62:2 NKJV

"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." Revelation 2:17 NKJV