

Isa 62:1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth like
brightness, and her salvation like a torch that
is burning. 2 And the nations will see your
righteousness, and all kings your glory; and
you will be called by a new name, which the
mouth of the LORD will designate.

What is this new name?

Jehovah's Witnesses claim they have the "new name."

Denominations rarely claim they have the "new name" as they bear the name of some man or some practice.

We're going to show that the "new name" is "Christian" and the nations shall call God's people by this name.

"Christian" is not the name of the church, but of those who make up the church.

It is not "*Children (Sons) of God*" (although we are)

Gen 6:2 that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

Rom 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

It is not "*Brethren*" (although we are)

Ps 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant
it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Acts 9:29 And he was talking and arguing with
the Hellenistic Jews; but they were attempting
to put him to death. 30 But when the brethren
learned of it they brought him down to
Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.

It is not "*Disciples*" -- (although we are)

Isa 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law
among my disciples.

Acts 6:1 Now at this time while the disciples
were increasing in number, a complaint arose
on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the
native Hebrews, because their widows were
being overlooked in the daily serving of food.

It is not "*Saints*" (although we are)

Ps 34:9 O fear the LORD, you His saints;
for to those who fear Him, there is no
want.

Acts 9:13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I
have heard from many about this man,
how much harm he did to Thy saints at
Jerusalem;

It is not "*witnesses*" -- we were not there!

Isa 43:10 "You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, in order that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am He. Before me there was no God formed, and there will be none after me.

Acts 1:8 but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

"Christians" -- The new name and what we are!

Acts 11:26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came about that for an entire year they met with the church, and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Acts 26:28 And Agrippa replied to Paul, "In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian."

1 Pet 4:16 but if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him glorify God.

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in Antioch.

Who had the right to be called a Christian? – not just
believers!

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He
gave the right to become children of God, even to
those who believe in His name, 13 who were born not
of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of
man, but of God.

It is not sufficient just to believe but we must obey to
be a Christian.

A Christian (disciple) is obedient

Acts 6:7 And the word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

disciples of Jesus -- often of the 12

Luke 6:12 And it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

13 And when day came, He called His disciples to Him; and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:

some are unfaithful disciples

John 6:66 As a result of this many of
His disciples withdrew, and were not
walking with Him anymore.

some were secret disciples

John 19:38 And after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. He came therefore, and took away His body.

some disciples will be led away

Acts 20:30 and from among your own
selves men will arise, speaking
perverse things, to draw away the
disciples after them.

But a true disciple bears fruit

John 15:8 "By this is My Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit, and so prove to
be My disciples.

The fruit of a disciple is another disciple
(not to be confused with the fruit of the
Spirit)

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

The fruit of the Spirit is the likeness we have to the Spirit of God

Are you a disciple of Jesus? A
Christian?

Are you a disciple openly?

John 12:42 Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

Are you a disciple that is steadfast?

1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

Are you a disciple that bears much fruit?

John 15:8 "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.
(You have to plant seed to bear fruit)

Luke 8:11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. 12 "And those beside the road are those who have heard; ...

What kind of disciple are you?

True disciples have followed his will!

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them,
"Repent, and let each of you be baptized
in the name of Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of your sins; and you shall
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

How much water does it take to be baptized?

John 3:22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing. 23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and they were coming and were being baptized.

It takes enough water that both the one being baptized can go down into the water.

Acts 8:37 [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."] 38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch saw him no more, but went on his way rejoicing

Have you been buried in the watery grave to rise to
walk in newness of life?

Rom 6:3-4 Or do you not know that all of us who
have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been
baptized into His death? (4) Therefore we have
been buried with Him through baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead through
the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in
newness of life.

Why not become a Christian today?