

What is in a Name???

Revelation 2:17 — And I will give you a new name.

*Genesis 32:28–30 — Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel...
for I have seen God face to face.*

1 Corinthians 13:12 — For now we see through a glass darkly but then face to face.

Everyone who sees God face to face has a name change. For he/she changes from a self centered soul to a life giving spirit. He changes from a child into an adult. Man, until he sees God, sees in part, thinks in part and understands in part, and his works no matter how noble are dead works for he, himself is dead. Unless you have seen God, you are not saved, you have fallen short of the glory of God. If you are a Bible teacher, a prophet or pastor, your message comes from a dead soul. We must, I repeat must, complete what Christ came to accomplish. You will not be fulfilled, complete or mature unless you see Him face to face and are given that new name or your name will have His name or character in it.

Webster's definition for the word "name" is as follows:

1. That by which a thing is called.
2. A person
3. Remembrance, memory
4. Title, profession, his will or purpose
5. character

Every saint who has purposed in his heart to "go to heaven" or to know the living God will have to go through the change of his or her name.

1 Corinthians 15: 51 — We shall not all sleep, but we will all be changed.

Our name tells people our character, profession, gender, etc. But it also tells us more than that. It tells us whether or not we have **Seen** God face to face. Remember, if we do not know the Father we do **Not** know Jesus His Son, even though we have met Him. If we still think in part, our name is a name with no life in it, a name of those who Sleep.

What does it entail to go through this great change? You would not give the same name to a worm as you would give to a butterfly, especially if the name would describe the character of the object named. So there must be a complete metamorphosis in your soul. The cross is the only place this can take place.

Everyone in the scripture who experienced the change of name from Abraham to Jacob to Paul saw God face to face, which changed that inner man from a child, a victim of vanity, to a man — to one who is Full grown — to one who glorifies Christ.



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