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## BIBLE TALK

Question: What is the "New Name" spoken of in Isa. 56:5?

Answer: The followers of God bore the name "Israelites," meaning the descendants of Jacob, who was also called "Israel," through whom the promise of Jesus was to come (Gal. 3:13-18). Scripture had taught that man was to desire a good name (Prov. 22:1). The promise was made by Isaiah that God would give a new name (Isa. 62:2). This name will be another or different name, one which is everlasting (Isa. 56:5). God's house is the church (I Tim. 3:15). This name which was to be given would apply only to those who were members of the Lord's church and it shall follow them forever and for which Christ shed His blood (Acts 20:28).

Christians were to wear a "*worthy name*" (Jas. 2:7) for which they had suffered and even some had died (I Pet. 4:16). This name was first used in Antioch (Acts 11:26). The Gentiles had just seen the righteousness of God, as had been prophesied by Isaiah with the preaching of the gospel (Acts 10:1-48). Paul was present at the use of the first naming of this new name (Acts 11:26). Agrippa was almost persuaded to wear this new name, that of "*Christian*" (Acts 26:28) with which the Lord's people were to glorify God (I Pet. 4:16). Obedience demands that it be worn (Matt. 28:19-20). The crucifixion demands this name be worn (I Cor. 1:12-13) and this name demands that we live like Christ and serve Him (I Jn. 2:6). When one's life conforms to the Christ-like pattern, His followers will wear this new name. There are not different kinds of Christian's; only those who obey will share God's heritage.



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