

Tell it Today

Song lyrics by Jessie Brown Pounds

*If the name of the Savior is precious to you,
If His care has been constant and tender and true,
If the light of His presence has brightened your
way, O will you not tell of your gladness today?*

**Thank you, again...Alexis Brown!
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*"Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and do not lean on
your own understanding."*

Proverb 3:5

- *"Fight the good fight"*
- *"Keep the faith"*
- *"Finish the course"*

Are We Living Up to Our Name?

By Edd Sterchi

Nestled in the little New Testament book of Philemon is a wonderful jewel of example and instruction.

First, let's look at a little background. A Christian in Colossae by the name of Philemon owned a slave that had run away from him. Ending up in Rome, the slave, Onesimus, had become converted to Christ by the great apostle Paul (v.10). Paul wrote to his friend Philemon encouraging him to now take Onesimus back.

And now the jewel. Paul writes to Philemon of Onesimus that he was *"once was unprofitable to you but now is profitable to you and to me"*(v.11). The jewel is learned when we understand what the name "Onesimus" means. In the Greek it literally means "profitable" or "useful." If I may paraphrase Paul, he was saying, "Onesimus is now living up to his name." Onesimus had become a Christian and was now useful to God and to the church.

Christian, are you living up to your name? The word "Christian" literally means "belongs to Christ." In everything that we do, every decision we make, every word

that we speak, and every place that we are seen, are we living up to that holy name that bears the identity of Christ? Do we show the dark world the light of Christ in our conduct, character, and conversation? The reputation we gain calls attention to the name we profess. Do all know that we belong to Jesus Christ?"

- ***“A good name is to be chosen rather than riches”***
(Proverbs 22:1)
- ***“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus...”***(Colossians 3:17)
- ***“Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.”***
(1 Peter 4:16)
- ***“Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?”***(James 2:7)

Nothing in a Name?

By Ron Thomas

There is nothing in a name if the name means nothing to you. If your name is “Mike”, but you answer to any other name, your given name means nothing to you (showing disrespect to your parents). If there is nothing in a name, if you are a woman named Janet married to a Mike Smith, then it will not matter to you if you are called Janet Perpendicular, Rectangular, Rotund, Mallory, or any other name. I dare say, that in some way, there is something in a name to you.

To the Lord, there is something significant in a name. *“And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved”* (Acts 4:12, ASV). In the New

Testament, one does not read of a congregation of the Lord’s people with the name of a man attached to it. In fact, in the New Testament, if there is a name attached to the holy institution “built” by the Lord, the only name is “God.” **There is something in a name.**

There is no other name under heaven to whom people must submit, but the name of Jesus. **There is something in a name.** There was no religious institution under heaven whereby any Israelite could be pleasing to the Father of glory, but by the name He chose. The Lord would accept no substitute in Israel’s worship of Him, with such names like “Baal”. **There is something in a name.** In our own religious context, those who think there is nothing in a name only think this so they can continue to be a member of an institution man-made.

A building with the name of the Lord on it does not make it the Lord’s church, but it might be an indication of something. Is there something in a name? the Lord thought so.

