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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.
Sonshiners: 4:45pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

The Underdog (1 Sam 17:33-37)

PM Sermon

Daniel – Lesson 9

Sunday AM Bible Class:

D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

Facing Challenges in 2021 & Beyond
R. Earl

The Gospel of Christ TV Program

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The Oologah Informer

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WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

Toney L. Smith

I am hearing more and more about the insignificance of the name for the Lord's church. Some say, "I am not a member of the Church of Christ, I am a Christian and a member of the New Testament church." Some are saying we must not use terms like, "Congregations of the church of Christ."

Why would anyone want to say, as we stated earlier, "I am not a member of the Church of Christ, I am a Christian and a member of the New Testament church?" I do not know all the answers but it seems to me that some are ashamed of the name church of Christ and are too weak and faint-hearted to stand and declare their allegiance to the church of Christ. I am not ashamed to say, "I am a member of the church of Christ." I know many will mock, ridicule and shun me for that declaration. However, we must not turn our heads and think we are standing for truth when we disavow the name churches of Christ. In fact this weakness has caused truth to suffer at the hands of liberal-minded folk.

Rest assured; I know there are several terms used in the New Testament to identify the church of Christ. We are told "...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). The church is called "the church of God" in 1 Corinthians 1:2 and chapter 10:32. It is identified as the "church of the firstborn" in Hebrews 12:23. All are scriptural designations for the same body, the church of Christ (Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23; Romans 16:16). However, in my mind that is not the reason some object to the name church of Christ. Some have said when that name is used people "get turned off" or "that name drives people away." One who was promoting the name change idea told me "People are intimidated by the name church of Christ." What a sad, sad state of affairs when members of the church of Christ try to hide their true identity.

It is a heart breaking state of affairs when members of the church want to hide their identity because the name church of Christ intimidates some. I always ask those who feel the need to question the name church of Christ just why they feel this way. Not only is the name church of Christ scriptural, it declares to the world who we are. Yes it does! The world recognizes the name church of Christ and yes most of them have an opinion about who we are and what we believe. Yes, I know that some who are called churches of Christ in reality are not. Their names should be changed to SOMETHING else to protect the integrity of Biblical churches of Christ. But the faithful should not change their

name so as to accommodate those who are not willing to “fight the good fight of faith” (1 Timothy 6:12).

If someone asks you “What is your name,” do you say, “I am a member of mankind,” or “Really I do not go by any particular name, just call me a human being?” People who are not willing to give their name have something to hide! I believe those who do not want to be called members of the church of Christ have something to hide as well.

Jesus died to purchase the church of Christ (Acts 20:28). Why would anyone not want to be identified with the name which honors Him and tells a lost world that salvation is to be found only in churches of Christ (Ephesians 5:23). It is past time for members of the church of Christ to stand up and be counted!