

WHAT NAME ???

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On Sunday, July 26, 1931 Judge Rutherford, president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society made a vitally important resolution at the Watch Tower convention in Columbus, Ohio. His speech was entitled "A New Name." This speech was climaxed by his declaration: "We desire to be known as and called by the name, to wit, **Jehovah's Witnesses.**" "The thrilled conventioners again jumped to their feet with the ringing shout '**Aye!**' They would henceforth be known as '**Jehovah's Witnesses!**'" (From pages 79 & 82 of their book "**Jehovah's Witnesses Proclaimers of God's Kingdom,**" their own history, published by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, 1993.) From a more recent publication they say, "A great impetus to the Kingdom proclamation came" on this same Sunday. "The overall response was enthusiastic indeed!" (From page 27, of "**The Watch Tower,**" February 15, 2006.)

Let us now test this bold declaration in obedience to the commands from the Word of God, "Make sure of all things, hold fast to what is fine" (I Thess. 5:21). "Keep testing whether you are in the faith, keep proving what you yourselves are" (II Cor. 13:5).

What Name does Christ in the Bible say should be used???

John 14:13,14 & 16:24 (The Lord Jesus Christ speaking) "Also, whatever it is that you ask **in My Name,** I will do this, in order that the Father may be glorified in connection with the Son." "If you ask anything **in My Name,** I will do it..." "Until this present time you have not asked a single thing **in My Name.** Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be made full."

Matthew 18:20 "For where there are two or three gathered together **in My Name** (the Lord Jesus Christ), there am I in their midst (the local congregation)."

Luke 24:46-48 "And He said to them: 'In this way it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and **on the basis of His Name** repentance for forgiveness of sins would be preached in all the nations—starting out from Jerusalem. You are **witnesses** of these things.'"

Acts 1:8 "You will be **witnesses** of **Me** (Jesus Christ) both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the most distant part of the earth."

Acts 2:32 "This **Jesus** God resurrected, of which fact we are all **witnesses.**"

Acts 2:38 "Repent, and let each one of you be baptized **in the Name of Jesus Christ** for the forgiveness of your sins..."

Acts 3:6 "**In the Name of Jesus Christ** the Nazarene, walk."

Acts 3:15,16 "Whereas you killed the **Chief Agent of Life.** But God raised Him up from the dead, of which fact we are **witnesses.** Consequently **His Name,** by faith in **His Name,** has made this man strong."

Acts 4:7-12 "By what power or **in whose name** did you do this?'...'Rulers of the people and older men ...let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that **in the Name of Jesus Christ** the Nazarene...Furthermore, there is no salvation in anyone else, for **there is not another name under heaven** that has been **given among men** by which we must get saved."

Acts 4:18 "With that they (the rulers of Israel) called them and charged them, nowhere to make any utterance or to teach upon the basis of **the Name of Jesus.**"

Acts 9:15 "Be on your way, because this man (Paul) is a chosen vessel to **Me** to bear **My Name** (the Lord Jesus Christ) to the nations..."

Acts 19:17 "...and a fear fell upon them all, and **the Name of the Lord Jesus** went on being magnified."

II Thess. 3:6 "Now we are giving you orders, brothers, **in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ...**"

I Cor. 1:10 "Now I exhort you, brothers, through **the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ...**"

Eph. 5:20 "**In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ** giving thanks always for all things..."

Philip. 2:9-11 “For this very reason also God exalted Him to a superior position and kindly gave Him the **Name that is above every** [other] **name**, so that **in the Name of Jesus** every knee should bend of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the ground, and every tongue should openly acknowledge that **Jesus Christ is Lord** to the glory of God the Father.”

Col. 3:17 “And WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU DO IN WORD OR IN WORK, DO EVERYTHING **IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS**, THANKING God the Father through Him.”

Rev. 2:13 “...**that you keep on holding fast My Name** (the Lord Jesus Christ)...”

In Conclusion: In light of all the Scriptural samples above (these are only 20 samples of what all the New Testament says) we will make the following observations—

1.) It is an obvious fact, without equivocation, that the commands of **Jesus Christ** and of the **Holy Spirit**, and of the **inspired apostles**, are in bold contradiction to the pontifical announcement of Judge Rutherford in 1931. Who are you going to obey? If you obeyed Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the inspired apostles, you would not be obeying the pronouncement of Judge Rutherford!

2.) The clear commands recorded in the Scriptures, and written as instructions to the saints of this present age, present **the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ**, as the all sufficient Name in which believers are to conduct their lives and their ministry to the world. There is no other name in which believers are to operate. This is the factual record of what they were commanded to do, and of what they actually did, and as an example for all future generations of believers throughout this age. Any group of professed believers in Jesus Christ who would do otherwise stands exposed and condemned as fraudulent in the light of the Scriptural evidences.

3.) It is also a fact, without equivocation, that the writers of the Greek Scriptures (the New Testament) were never inspired to use the Hebrew form of God’s Name—YHWH (Hebrew, *Yahweh*)—and most certainly they were never inspired to use the corrupted European form—‘Jehovah’ (which only came into limited use since 1500 A.D.). On the contrary, the writers of the Greek Scriptures were inspired to use the Greek word KURIOS (‘*Lord*’), which had already been used by the Jewish translators of the Hebrew Scriptures (called ‘*The Septuagint*’) as the translation of ‘Yahweh.’

4.) It is further obvious that the Watch Tower Society and the so-called ‘Jehovah’s Witnesses’ demonstrate that they were guided by another spirit, even an Anti-Christ spirit, by not obeying the clear commands of the Scripture above—such as Colossians 3:17, “Whatsoever it is that you do in WORD or in WORK, do EVERYTHING in the Name of the Lord Jesus, thanking God the Father through Him.” We can actually thank God that they didn’t obey that Scripture, and all of the others, because now we know they are false deceivers in the last days.

5.) It is furthermore obvious that this organization does not honor and glorify God the Father because of their disobedience to all the commands above—see Philippians 2:10 and John 5:23 “In order that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He that does not honor the Son does not honor the Father Who sent Him!”

Scriptures collected and comments made—
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WHAT GOSPEL ???

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Introduction: The word *gospel* (Greek, *evangelion* – English, *evangel*) simply means ‘good news.’ In reading the ‘New Testament’ it is important to realize that there was more than one ‘gospel’ revealed—

1.) **“The Gospel of the Kingdom”**—Matthew 4:23; 9:35, etc. This ‘good news’ was peculiar to the nation of Israel. It concerned Israel’s long hoped for, earthly, Messianic Kingdom, wherein they would be delivered from all their enemies, their Messiah would rule and the whole earth would be restored to an Edenic condition—Luke 1:32,33 & 68-79. When the ‘TIME’ (Mark 1:14,15) for offering this Kingdom to Israel had come, the Lord sent out His chosen apostles with the powerful credentials of miraculous healing—Matt. 10:5-8. It is noteworthy in this passage (verse 5) that this gospel was not specifically for the Gentile peoples. However, the nation of Israel in unbelief rejected the King and the Kingdom message. As a result the Kingdom was ‘taken from’ that generation—Luke 10:8-12 & Matt. 21:43. The apostles who first preached this gospel did not know or understand about the death of the King, Jesus Christ—Luke 9:44,45; 18:31-34; Matt. 16:21,22, etc. In addition, after the resurrection of Christ, these apostles were not to know when ‘the Kingdom would be restored to Israel’—Acts 1:6,7.

2.) **“The Gospel of the Grace of God”**—Acts 20:24; Eph. 3:1,2, etc. A new apostle (Paul) is chosen miraculously. In distinction from the twelve apostles, Paul’s apostleship is directly to the Gentile peoples (Acts 26:17,18; 22:21; Rom. 11:13; Gal. 1:16; 2:2, etc., etc.). His distinctive message concerns the immediate spiritual benefits from the substitutionary death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Paul is inspired to very jealously guard this gospel and gives stern warning to anyone who would pervert or preach a different gospel. The first church counsel (Acts 15) agrees with his position and gospel. Note especially that ‘**Grace**’ means ‘*Undeserved Kindness*’—it cannot be obtained by good works! Note carefully the following list of Scriptures! As you do this, ask yourselves, ‘Do I believe this gospel?’ and ‘is this the gospel the Watch Tower Society preaches?’—if not—‘*let them be accursed*’ (Gal. 1:8,9).

Galatians 1:6-9 “I marvel that you are being so quickly removed from the One who called you with Christ’s undeserved kindness over to another sort of good news. But it is not another; only there are certain ones who are causing you trouble and wanting to pervert the good news about the Christ. However, even if we or an angel from heaven were to declare to you as good news something beyond what we declared to you as good news, let him be accursed. As we said above, I also say again, Whoever it is that is declaring to you as good news something beyond what you accepted, let him be accursed.”

I Corinthians 15:1-11 “Now I make known to you, brothers, the good news which I declared to you, which you also received, in which you stand, through which you are also being saved, with the speech with which I declared the good news to you, if you are holding it fast, unless, in fact, you became believers to no purpose. For I handed on to you, among the first things, that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, yes, that he has been raised up the third day according to the Scriptures; and that he was seen...”

Ephesians 2:8-10 “By this undeserved kindness, indeed, you have been saved through faith; and this not owing to you, it is God’s gift. No, it is not owing to works, in order that no man should have grounds for boasting. For we are a product of his work and were created in union with Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to walk in them.”

Romans 11:6 “Now if it is by undeserved kindness, it is no longer due to works; otherwise, the undeserved kindness no longer proves to be undeserved kindness.”

Romans 1:1-5 & 4:1-6 “Paul a slave of Jesus Christ and called to be an apostle, separated to God’s good news...concerning his Son...who with power...by means of resurrection from the dead...through whom we received undeserved kindness...in order that there might be obedience of faith among all nations respecting his name.” “That being so, what shall we say about Abraham our forefather according to the flesh? If, for instance, Abraham were declared righteous as a result of works, he would have grounds for boasting; but not with God. For what does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham exercised faith in Jehovah, and it was counted to him as righteousness.’ Now to the man that works the pay is counted, not as undeserved kindness, but as a debt. On the other hand, to the man that does not work but puts faith

in him who declares the ungodly one righteous, his faith is counted as righteousness. Just as David also speaks of the happiness of the man to whom God counts righteousness apart from works.”

II Timothy 1:9 “He saved us and called us with a holy calling, not by reason of our works, but by reason of his own purpose and undeserved kindness. This was given us in connection with Christ Jesus before times long lasting.”

II Corinthians 5:21 “The one who did not know sin he made to be sin for us, that we might become God’s righteousness by means of him.”

Titus 3:4,5 “However, when the kindness and the love for man on the part of our Savior, God, was manifested, owing to no works in righteousness that we had performed, but according to his mercy he saved us through the bath that brought us to life and through the making of us new by holy spirit.”

What gospel do your ministers preach?

Are you saved? By ‘undeserved kindness’?

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WHAT HOPE ???

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Two Different 'Hopes' are to be Distinguished.

1.) The hope of Israel came from the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures. **The prophets anticipated the Messiah coming and delivering Israel from all her enemies, setting up a perfect government ruling over the whole world and the restoration of the earth to edenic conditions.** The Messiah of Israel was to bring total peace and prosperity to earth. "The desert would blossom as a rose." "The nations would beat their swords into plowshares." "The knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth from sea to sea." See such passages as—Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:6,7; 11:1-10 & 35:1. However, when the Messiah (Jesus Christ) did come and He preached the Kingdom of God, He was rejected and His Kingdom offer was postponed to a future unknown date and generation—Acts 1:6,7.

2.) The resurrected and ascended Savior began to "call out a new congregation"—see Matthew 16:18 & Acts 2:41. One becomes a member of this new congregation by the baptism of the Holy Spirit—see Acts 1:5 & I Cor. 12:13. This new congregation is composed of saved Jews and Gentiles brought together in "one body" and called a "New Man" (Eph. 2:14-16) and "the congregation which is His body" (Eph. 1:22,23). The "blessed hope" of this new company of people is entirely different from that hope of Israel. This group of people was not spoken of in the prophetic Scriptures (Eph. 3:5) and its hope is "heavenly" in nature (Philip. 3:20 & Col. 1:5). This has been the hope of all true Christians for the last two thousand years. It was first spoken of in the quiet seclusion of the upper room on the night of Christ's betrayal—

John 14:1-3 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Exercise faith in God, exercise faith also in me. ***In the house of my Father there are many abodes.*** Otherwise I would have told you, because I am going my way ***to prepare a place for you.*** Also, if I go my way and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will ***receive you home to myself that where I am you also may be.***"

I Thess. 4:13-18 "Moreover, brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant concerning those who are sleeping [in death]; that you may not sorrow just as the rest also do who have ***no hope.*** For if our faith is that Jesus died and rose again, so, too, those who have fallen asleep [in death] through Jesus ***God will bring with him.*** For this is what we tell you by Jehovah's word, that we the living who survive to the presence of the Lord shall in no way precede those who have fallen asleep [in death]; because the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a commanding call, with an archangel's voice and with God's trumpet, ***and those who are dead in union with Christ will rise first. Afterward we the living who are surviving will, together with them, be caught away in clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with [the] Lord.*** Consequently keep comforting one another with these words."

II Thess. 2:1 "However, brothers, respecting ***the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him,*** we request you..."

I Cor. 15:51 & 53 "Look! I tell you a sacred secret: ***We shall not all fall asleep [in death], but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, during the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised up incorruptible, and we shall be changed.***"

Philip. 3:14, 20-21 "I am pursuing down toward the goal for ***the prize of the upward call*** of God by means of Christ Jesus...***As for us, our citizenship exists in the heavens, from which place also we are eagerly waiting for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will fashion our humiliated body to be conformed to his glorious body*** according to the operation of the power that he has, even to subject all things to himself."

Col. 1:5, 23 "***Because of the hope that is reserved for you in the heavens.*** This [hope] you heard of before by the telling of the truth of that good news...not being shifted away from ***the hope of that good news which you heard.***

Col. 1:27 "To whom God has been pleased to make known what are the glorious riches of this sacred secret among the nations. ***It is Christ in union with you, the hope of [his] glory.***"

Col. 3:4 “...*When the Christ, our life, is made manifest, then you also will be made manifest with him in glory.*”

Titus 2:13 “...*while we wait for the happy hope and glorious manifestation of the great God and of the Savior of us, Christ Jesus.*”

Hebrews 3:1 “Consequently, holy brothers, *partakers of the heavenly calling...*”

I Peter 1:3-5 “Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for according to his great mercy he gave us a new birth to *a living hope* through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *to an incorruptible and undefiled and unfading inheritance. It is reserved in the heavens for you*, who are being safeguarded by God’s power through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last period of time.”

FURTHER FACT— Nowhere in all the Greek Scriptures does it say, or even remotely hint, that this *blessed heavenly hope* is only for a 144,000 special servants mentioned over in the book of Revelation. That idea is the figment of religious imagination. It can never even remotely be proven by the use of the Scriptures.

On the contrary, all the saints to whom Paul was writing, which was virtually to the WHOLE congregation of God scattered throughout all the various local congregations of the whole world of that day, and every successive generation thereafter as well, are the saints that Paul spoke to about their common heavenly hope. This is all inclusive of both Jewish and Gentile Christians. Paul never segregated his inspired comments about this blessed hope for only a few believers.

If this is not your “hope,” then you are in the wrong “congregation.”

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