The New Name, The New Identity

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INTRODUCTION

- How many times in said dramas do people get new identities? Because they need a cover from their past.
- It's a fresh start, it's a new life, it's a better future. Well, that's actually a concept that is similar to what you and I possess in Christ. And was promised way back in Isaiah chapter 62.

1 You Will Be Called by a New Name

Isaiah 62:1–5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3–7; 1 Peter 2:9–12

- And you will be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will designate.
- The downtrodden people of God have a future where they will be exalted.
- If we are indeed those people who possess the new name that is promised in Isaiah 62, incumbent upon us is the responsibility to shine forth brightly in righteousness or in right doing.
- You were once not a people, but now you are the people of God.

2 The Holy Jerusalem in Revelation 21

Revelation 21:2; Revelation 21:24; Revelation 21:27

- In Revelation 21, we have a bride adorned for her husband, and we see this beautiful city.
- We struggle to understand Revelation 21 because we don't understand Isaiah 62. That's where that imagery comes from.
- If you overcome, you're that city. You possess that new name that Isaiah prophesied about.

3 Not Forsaken, Not Desolate

Isaiah 62:12; Ephesians 2:12

- And they will call them the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord. And you will be called sought out. A city, not forsaken.
- Forsaken and desolate. No more. You've got a new name.
- You will no longer be forsaken, but you will be brought into the beautiful union with God.

4 The New Name Is Not Just the Name Christian

Acts 11:26; 1 Peter 4:16; Philippians 4:21

- Without a New Testament quotation of Isaiah 62 or an allusion to it. And there is none. One would have no reason to conclude that name particularly and specifically is what Isaiah had in mind.
- How many other times in the New Testament is that specific term used? Just two.
- Six times in Acts, the believers are described as those belonging to the way.

- But the New Testament speaks of Christians who are living as saints.
- Let's forever be done with this saying the new name Isaiah was talking about is the term Christian.

5 The New Name Is the Whole of It

1 Corinthians 10:11; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 2 Corinthians 5:21

- It is the whole identity of the one who is in Christ. It's not a specific title.
- We get our new identity, a new passport, a new life. The old is covered and concealed.
- We are those upon whom the ends of the ages have come.
- If any man is in Christ, he's a new creature, new name. Old things have passed away.
- That we might become the righteousness of God in him. And folks, young people, that's what being a Christian is all about.

6 Familiarity Breeds Contempt

- Familiarity breeds contempt. And that statement points to the fact that sometimes our perception becomes diminished.
- Be happy with what you have. And you will have plenty to be happy about if your perspective is right.
- The same thing that happens to us over the fact that we are in Christ.

THE CHALLENGE

How long has it been since you trembled about this marvelous message of the day of judgment that's coming? You should tremble. Because if you are those other two words in Isaiah 62, forsaken and desolate, you need to tremble.

MY NOTES