

What's in a name or what's the meaning of this?

I count, at least, 16 names of God, (Jehovah), in the Old Testament. These names describe the attributes of God or the nature of God. A name refers to a nature.

In the New Testament I see there are some whose heart had been opened to see the Lord and a new Way of Life, and received a new nature, thus a new name:

Simon's nature was changed (he could hear!) and as a result was given a new name, Peter or Cephas (stone or rock).

Saul's nature was changed (he could see!) and as a result was given a new name, Paul (small).

A side note — In Paul's former life he was blind (figuratively) to the true knowledge of God, then blinded (literally) by the hand of God. He was then given sight and insight concerning himself and God.

"To him who overcomes, I will give a new name." Rev. 2:17

When we are once born (of the flesh), we are given a name. When we are born again (of the Spirit), we have a new nature and are given a new name.

The human (carnal) heart is so self-absorbed it cannot or will not hear and receive the word of God. Even most of those who had the Lord Jesus in person speaking to them did not hear. Some who walked with Him for a time, even turned away.

I have shared my thoughts concerning a name and a nature in order to share what has been revealed to me about; "Pray in Jesus' name" and "Baptize in Jesus' name". This does not mean reciting those words, but having His nature, in which "we live and move and have our being in Him, for we are His offspring."

If you have received His spirit, you have His nature...

"There is no one else; for there is no other name (Christ's nature) under heaven that has been given among men (given to men) by which we might be saved (made whole)."

Helen Bowden