

## PASTOR'S BLOG MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2020 A NEW NAME

*Rev. 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and **I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.***

In this passage God gives us a new name, one that is reserved for only us and nobody else. *“the giving of the white stone with the new name is the communication of what God the man to the man..” George Mc Donald Creation in Christ*

We were all given and name when we were born, in fact, two names, a first name and a middle name. We usually choose which name we will go by and the other name becomes unspoken and often forgotten.

In seminary Dr. Stiene called on Carl and I was sitting about two feet from the podium. I didn't respond until he called my name a second time and I remembered that was my first name. I had gotten so used to going by my second name that I did not even respond when someone called me by my first name.

Usually when our parents called us by our full name it meant we were in some kind of trouble. When God calls us by our true name we will know who we really are for the first time.

### I. We are Forgiven

The white stone, with a new name engraved upon it. This white stone is symbolic of our complete pardon from the guilt of sin, referring to the ancient custom of giving a white stone to those acquitted on trial and a black stone to those condemned.

### II. We Are Sons And Daughters Of God Adopted Into His Family

The new name is the name of adoption: adopted persons took the name of the family into which they were adopted. None can read the evidence of a man's adoption but himself; he cannot always read it, but if he perseveres he shall have both the evidence of sonship and the inheritance.

### III. Our True Character Is Revealed

*The true name is the one which expresses the character, the nature, the being, the meaning of the person who bears it. It is our own symbol-a picture of our soul in one word-the sign which belongs to us and nobody else. Who can give us this name? God Alone.....” George Mc Donald Creation in Christ*

God knows you deeper than anyone ever will or ever could yet He loves you and calls you to Himself and trusts you with good works only you can do... rejoice and be glad He has chosen You to be His.

Jesus,

Thank you for opening up the way to God through your life, death and resurrection. Let me rejoice and be glad every day. Amen.