

What is the Brides Name

Mat 16:18-19 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (19) And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Mat 18:15-19 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. (16) But if he will not hear *thee, then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. (17) **And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church**, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. (18) Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Must already be established to add unto

Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Act 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the **Lord added to the church** daily such as should be saved.

What is the Proper name for the Church?

What is the proper name of the church that Christ started? The church was not to be known, recognized or identified, in whole or in part, by any one denominational name.

Rev 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, **I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife**.

The followers of Christ are in the scriptures called by a variety of names, indicating their relation to God, Christ and each other. The names listed below are not the proper name for the church.

Children of God

Heirs of God

Children of the Promise

Children of Abraham

Saints

Disciples

Brethren

Relation to the kingdom

Relationship to the anticipated inheritance

Relationship to redemption

Relationship to Abraham as father of the faithful

Sanctified and called out of this world

Relationship to Christ's teaching

Relationship to each other as being equal

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

The word Church should be adopted as the proper name for the institution that Christ put upon earth.

My Church

Christ's Relationship to us

Understanding the Proper Name

A man may say, "**this is my son.**" But my son is not the proper name for the boy, it only indicates the relationship which he sustains to the father.

Paul addresses the disciples in Rome, he says, "the churches of Christ salute you.

Rom 16:16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. **The churches of Christ salute you.**

1Co 14:33 For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, **as in all churches of the saints.**

The church is described by the apostle and addressed as house, living God and temple

1Ti 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the **house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.**

1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the **temple of God**, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Isaiah Prophesied

By divine wisdom that neither Jesus Christ nor the apostles enjoined any one proper name by which His church should be called and known during this present dispensation. If the terms Christian Church, Church of God, Latter Day Saints, had been given as the proper name of the church, the most heretical sects set up by men, without authority from God, would call themselves by the inspired name and make that an argument why they should be recognized as the true church of God! In fact, those who base an argument for their church claims upon the name which they have assumed themselves, though that name may be most sacred in the Bible, only weaken their claims.

Isa 4:1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

This prophecy points, with unerring certainty to the gospel dispensation. These seven woman designate such religious societies as are heretical in doctrine and practice, and yet make bold claims to the bride of Christ, though they themselves know that their were organized in recent times under the wisdom and labors of uninspired men.

The "One Man" represents Christ as the True God Man. He does not choose these women. They nominally lay hold upon him, simply to take away their reproach. They are so independent that they can make their own living.

They wear their own apparel – the righteousness of their pretended good works.

They eat their own bread – They have their own Doctrine (salvation by baptism, church membership)

They only desire to be called by the name of Christ to take away their reproach. They evidently belong to the Babylon family whose maternal ancestor is described as follows:

Rev 17:5-6 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (6) And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.