

“What is in a name?”

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colosse: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. Colossians 1:1-2

1. What is in Paul’s” name?

Saul was:

- A Hebrew of Hebrews from the tribe of Benjamin
- A Pharisee more “legalistically righteous and faultless than any other
- A persecutor of the church Philipians 3:1-10

Paul is:

- A changed man
- Chosen to carry Christ message and to suffer for Christ name
- An Apostle of Christ Jesus Acts 9:1-19

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- ✓ What is your name _____?
- ✓ What is your position in the body of Christ _____?
- ✓ Is Jesus Christ your guiding force in life? Yes No
- ✓ What is your purpose _____?
- ✓ Is it determined by the will of God? Yes No
“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. 2Corinthians 13:5”

2. What is in the name of the church at Colosse?

“To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ” 1:2

a. “HAGIOS”.

To be holy, set apart, sanctified, and pure.

HAGIOS is someone who is pure, morally clean, perfect, without blemish and who is deserving of respect, and reverence.

The best translated English word for HAGIOS is _____.

HAGIOS are those people **who have been** purified and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Romans 6:1-7

What is in the name _____?

- ✓ Freedom!
- ✓ Freedom from our sins.

- ✓ Freedom from our past.
- ✓ Freedom to live the victorious life Jesus Christ purchased for us.

b. “Faithful”

Faithful is a church that is characterized by its steadfast **affection and allegiance** for all the Saints of God.

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- ✓ What is in the name Poplar Grove UMC _____?
- ✓ What do people in this community say about this church _____?
- ✓ Are we fully committed to each other? Yes No

3. What is in the name “God our Father”?

“Grace and Peace to you from God our Father” 1:2

a) Grace.

- Grace is “Gods undeserved favor given to anyone who would receive it.
- Grace is **“the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.** Ephesians 2:9-10
- Grace is God forgiving us and then God expecting us to forgive others.

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

b) Peace

- Peace is the “Absence of war”
- Peace is the “Freedom from disputes”
- Peace is the “Harmony between brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ”
- Peace is recognizing every day that Jesus Christ is the “King of Peace”.