

The Stone, The Name, The Secrets

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Thesis:

The New Name Written on the White Stone will reflect our faithfulness in overcoming the challenges in our lives.

A New Name is developed through Christ.

Intro: In this New Year There are 3 Things to Consider...

(Revelation 2:17)

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

I. The Stone

(Psalm 51:2)

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

A Vote of Acquittal

(John 14:6)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

A Token of Admission

(Psalm 139: 17 – 18)

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

A Mere Expression of Love Between Two Friends

(Revelation 19: 7 – 9)

7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." 9 Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' " And he added, "These are the true words of God."

A Seating Assignment at the Marriage of the Lamb

II. The Name

A New Name Given Example: Abram to Abraham

*Personal History and/or Conflicts/Struggles
Equals A New Commemorative Name*

(Genesis 17: 4 – 6)

4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.

5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

III. The Secrets

No Man Knows It (Name)

Saving He That Receives It (Name)

Name Equals Characteristics of the Individual

(John 14:21)

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, & I too will love him & show myself to him."

Conclusion:

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