

West Valley Church of Christ – August 11, 2024

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?



Several countries have had to outlaw certain names that parents have tried to inflict on their children – names that various courts have determined cause offence to a reasonable person or that make a fool of a child. For example, in New Zealand, you can't name your child Violence. If you have twins, you can't name them Fish and Chips. In Sweden you can't name your child Metallica. In Portugal, UFO is a banned name. In Japan, you are not allowed to name your child after the devil. These restrictions are not random or arbitrary. Each has been tried and denied at some point. Amazing, isn't it? It begs a question. Which names has God banned for us? These are names I believe would be on His list: Lost Cause, Too Late, What A Waste and Should Give Up. These are names that we sometimes attach to ourselves, based on what has happened in the past – maybe even as recent as yesterday. But the Bible shows us that He calls us by a different name, not based on who you were, but based on who we are "in Christ," and who we can be through the power of His grace. By which name does He call you? He calls you a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17). He calls you righteous. (2 Corinthians 5:21). He calls us His children (John 1:12). Our challenge today is to live up to the name He has given us and by His grace we can!

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