

— I Corinthians 1.1-3 —
What's with That? 1
What's with the Name?

1Cor 1:1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, 2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

* What were our two goals in choosing our church name?

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* Why did we think this was important, given our culture?

* What is the challenge in such a culture?

* What is the one thing that is anathema in such a culture?

* What kind of pressure does this put on churches?

* Why did I pick our text from 1Cor?

* What two things is Paul communicating in this salutation?

* Who does Paul tell us Jesus is?

* Who does Paul tell us the church is?

* How did this compete with Caesar and Corinth?

* What imagery is Paul appealing to in Col 3?

Col 3.1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

* In our text in 1Cor, what is Paul saying in so many words?

* Why are we unaccustomed to thinking this way today?

* What do we learn from the following Scriptures:

(1) Rev 1.4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia ... 5 from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

(2) Acts 13.32 And we declare to you glad tidings – that promise which was made to the fathers. 33 God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’”

(3) Heb 5.5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: “You are My Son, today I have begotten You.” 6 As He also says in another place: “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”