



'More than Conqueror' focus

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Pastor's Desk

WHAT IS IN A NAME CHANGING?

Changing name is not for salvation sake; but to reflect your new status in Jesus Christ. It has happened before in the scripture where God Himself had to change some people's names to reflect their new identity in order for the purpose of God to be fulfilled in their lives.

If the name of our father with unparalleled faith called Abram (exalted father) at the age of ninety nine was not changed by God to Abraham (father of many nations), how would the perfect will of God be fulfilled in his life? Likewise, the name of Sarai (Princess) metamorphosed to Sarah (Royalty- kings of people shall be of her) by God to show His creative power in her at the age of ninety.

It could have been a wasted and life of disaster for Jacob (a trickster) if God did not intervene and changed his name to Israel (Prince of God). If Jesus Christ did not surnamed Simon (son of Jona) to Peter (Stone/ Rock, leader); Peter would have failed woefully in his high calling in the Lord. John and James (sons of Zebedee) were surnamed Boanerges (Sons of thunder) otherwise they would not have got the boldness to take permission from the Lord Jesus Christ to call down fire from heaven to consume the unbelievers in Samaria.

1 John 4:4- "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He

that is in you, than he that is in the world".

Are you an overcomer, a more than conqueror, a genuine winner, a subduer, and victorious Christian in every situation of life? If you are an overcomer and you begin to see yourself and call yourself an overcomer; then you are no more a loser but a prevailer in the Lord.

The Lord God Almighty is changing the degrading name the people around you used to call you because of the situation confronting you into His glorious, overcoming and victorious name as declares by God in Rev.3:12 in this new month of March 2017 in Jesus name . You are in your month of marching forward with divine speed for your unstoppable advancements in all areas of your life, in Jesus name.

God bless you as you rejoice with us for our 2017 Annual Convention Thanksgiving/ Anointing Service on Sunday 5th of March 2017.

JESUS IS LORD.

PASTOR MIKE ILELADEWA

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday Service: 10:30am—1pm;

Monday Bible Study: 7pm - 9pm

Thursday Prayer Warrior : 11pm— 2am;

Monthly Activities

Vigil Prayer Meeting

2nd Friday of Every month:10pm-3am

[Next meeting: 10th Mar., 2017]

General Evangelism:

Third Saturday of Every Month, 3pm-4pm

[Next meeting: 18th Mar., 2017]

Women's Fellowship Meeting:

Third Sunday of Every month, 1pm-3pm

[Next meeting: 19th Mar., 2017]

Men's Fellowship Meeting:

Third Sunday of Every month, 1pm-3pm

[Next meeting: 19thMar, 2017]

Workers' Prayer Meeting:

Last Friday of Every Month: 7pm-9pm

[Next meeting: 31th Feb., 2017]

"I am an Overcomer because Jesus Christ who lives in me is greater than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)"

What If Life Turns To Be Pointless?

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What if this life is really vanity? What if this life, all our work and homework and loves and friendships and activities and everything we spend so much time on — what if it's all really pointless in the end? It's a question we get from a listener named Blake. "Hello, Pastor John. I was wondering if it's possible to be saved and to be a nihilist? There's a big part of me that just feels like nothing in life really matters, everything is just temporary anyways. The end result for everyone is death. But at the same time, I don't feel like Christ would want me to feel that way. I do though, and I'm not sure what to think about it. Thanks for the help!"

That word comes from the Latin *nihil*, that means "nothing." So, the idea is that everything amounts to nothing. Wikipedia — and I checked two or three dictionaries and encyclopedias of philosophy, and this is the simplest — says, "Most commonly, nihilism is presented in the form of existential nihilism, which argues that life is without objective meaning, purpose, or intrinsic value. Moral nihilists assert that morality does not inherently exist, and that any established moral values are abstractly contrived."

Now, given both those definitions, it is obvious that they are contrary to what the Bible teaches and what Christianity has meant for two thousand years. God does give meaning and purpose and value to human existence. He himself is the ultimate value, and His purpose gives meaning to life. His holiness defines what is good and beautiful so that morality does inherently exist, and moral values are not merely abstractly contrived. So, nihilism is the opposite of what the Bible reveals to be true. And to embrace nihilism as true would necessarily mean rejecting what the Bible presents as truth about God and Christ and their purposes for the world. And that rejection would mean that a person would be choosing to reject God's offer of salvation.

But I can't bring myself to believe that Blake was asking something so obvious. He says: Can you be a nihilist and be saved? The answer seems so obvious to me. I don't think he means that merely. Here is his own definition of what he is talking about: "There is a big part of me that just feels like nothing in life really matters. Everything is just temporary anyways. The end result for everyone is death." So, here is Blake's definition of nihilism:

It feels like nothing matters.

Everything is temporary.

Because the end result is death for everybody.

So, let me respond objectively, biblically, and very briefly to each one with a bullet, and then turn around and get at what I think the issue is; namely, he says: *It feels like this.*

1. It feels like nothing matters. Actually, Blake, everything matters, because God created everything with a purpose. Proverbs 16:4, "The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble."

2. He says, everything is temporary. No, Blake. It is not. Paul says, "The things that are seen are temporary [or transient], but the things that are unseen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18). That means, you and me. You never met a temporary person. They all live forever. Life is infinitely significant.

3. He says, the end result is, for everyone, death. Blake, no. It is not. Hebrews 9:27 says, "It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment." Death is not the end for anyone.

So, my last response is: What about Blake's feeling? What he says is: There is a big part of me that just *feels* this way. And my response to this is: It is possible, Blake, to feel this way and be saved, if you don't stay feeling this way. Feelings are fickle, and they can become deep, settled positions that destroy you. Satan may have shot a fiery arrow of doubt and disillusionment at you. It lodged in your mind and your heart. God allowed it in order to test you. So, fight through the feeling. Confess it to God. Admit it. Hate it. Set yourself against it. Pray that God would deliver you from it.

Then immerse yourself in the truth, because there is another feeling in you. You said so. You said: I don't feel like Christ would want me to feel this way. Well, that is good. That is good. That is real competition in your heart. And it didn't come from the devil. No, Christ wouldn't want you to feel this way. And He is not arbitrary in what He wants. He has His reasons, and He wants to give them to you. So, give yourself no rest until you find Christ's reasons for not being a nihilist.

Shalom!!!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Convention! Convention!! Convention!!!

- ◆ Convention Month, Date: 4th & 5th March. God bless you as you support as led in you spirit.
- ◆ Worker's prayer meeting on Friday 31st of March 2017. Time: 7.00pm.
- ◆ Trip to Eden Project in Cornwall – Saturday 18th of March 2017. Contact Sis. Antoinette on Tel. 07947638433 for registration and further information.

